

Milton Robinson's
Journal 1830
S. Union Ky

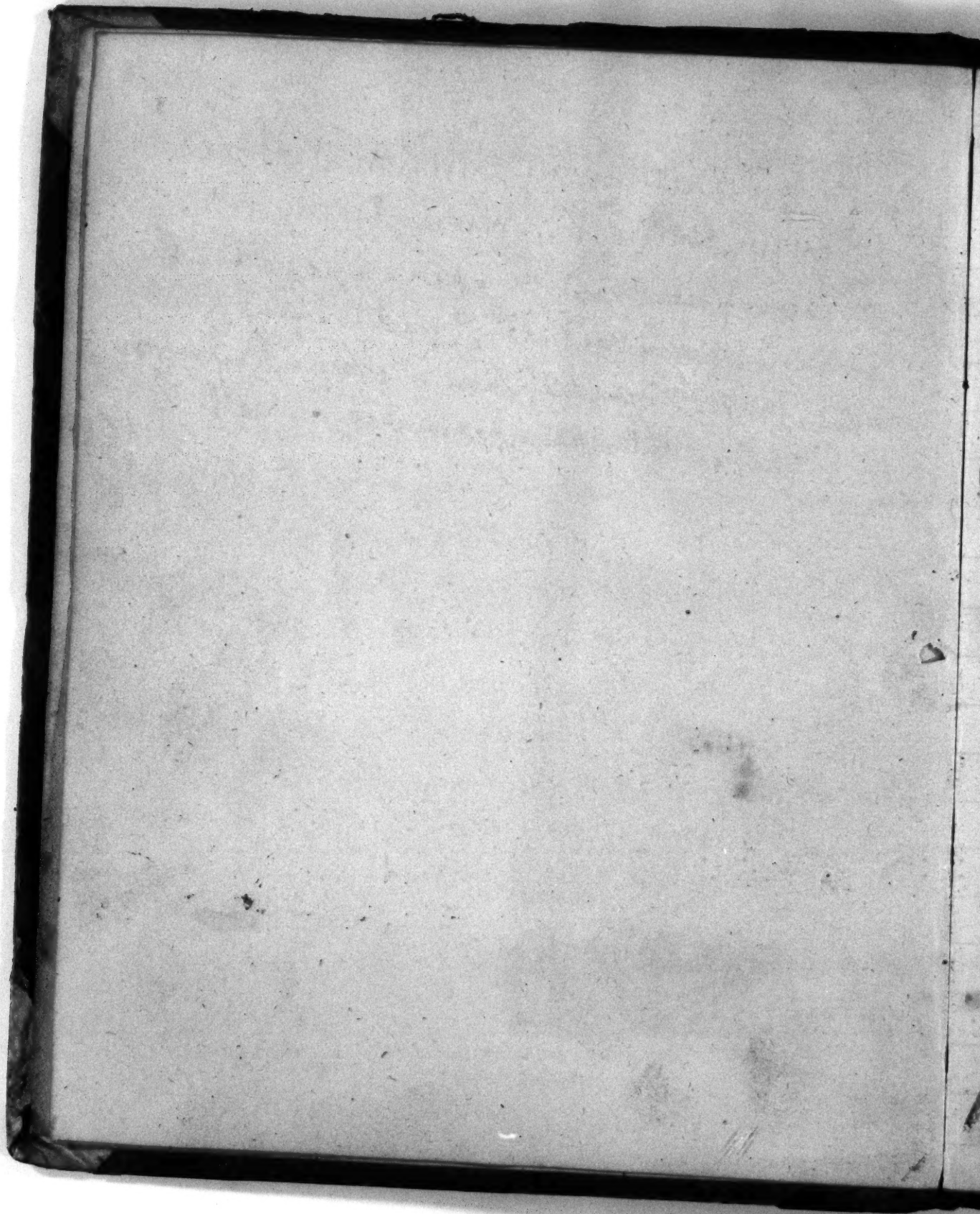
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Written by Milton Robinson,
of South Union, Ky. Was declining with
consumption - took a sea voyage for the
improvement of his health, & past to Spirit Land
Oct. 19th 1832, aged 25, here in New Lebanon.
The rest of the story, he relates himself.



South Union October 27 1830
Wednesday, This morning Urban &
Johns Jefferson Shannon Sampson
Anderson and Myself (Milton) went
to the ministrys shop and there received
such necessary instructions as they
thought proper to give us for the journey
before us. About 9 O'clock A.M. they all
started for Clarksville (except Myself.)
accompanied by William Small with
the five horse team loaded with Garden
Seed brooms provisions &c &c. Also Patterson
Johns with the Carriage loaded with the
same kind of loading. Urban is to return
and attend the Russellville Court, And
then him and Myself will go from here
to Clarksville together, and from
there on our way to New Orleans.

Thursday 18. To day about 1 O'clock Urban
& Johns and Myself (Milton) went
up to see the Ministry for the

purpose of taking our leave of them.
We accordingly did so and left South
Union about 4 O'clock after taking
leave of the Brethren & Sisters in
general. We were accompanied by the
following Brethren to Clarksville
Brother Matthew William Ligon
and Daniel M. Whyte from the
Centre family. Elder Brother Nathaniel
Rankin from the East House.
John Slower from the East Section.
Lorenzo L. Martin from the North
family and Isaac Whyte from
Waterlot. We all came on to
Warrenton and stayed all night and
started early the following morning and
got in Russellville about 11 O'clock
A.M. here we tarried for a few minutes
and sold articles to the amount of
\$30. We left here about 12 O'clock
and went on 15 miles farther to the
Elk fork here we encamped for the

night. Saturday 13th We took breakfast
on our camping ground and
started on our days journey a little
after sun rise. and arrived at
Clarkeville on the Cumberland
River about 4 O'clock P.M. and
drove our waggons down to the
Boat one mile below town and
unloaded our waggons 5 in number
and started away the loading in the
Boat.

Sunday Nov 14th 1830. This morning
Nathaniel Rankin, John Glover
Lorenzo L. Martin, Daniel, M. Whyte
and Isaac Whyte started home after
taking ^{Breakfast} ~~supper~~ in the Boat. Matthew
and William are detained in consequence
of one of their horses getting lame.
Urban & Jefferson went up to Clarksville
to settle their Business and get the
necessary articles for our journey.

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Monday, morning at a little after 11
O'clock Urban & John Jefferson Shannon,
Sampson Anderson And myself
(Milton & Robinson) started from
the mouth of West River one mile
below Clarksville with a boat
loaded with Garden seed to the
amount of 22,000 papers And brooms
to the amount 350, or 400, straw
bats to the amount of 200, And about
300-yards of Linsey and Jeans,
Besides various other articles too tedious
to mention, Here we took leave
of Brother Matthew and William
Liger they tarried here until they
saw us leave the shore bound
for New Orleans they then gared
up their Horses and started for
South Union (Via, Elkton) We
traveled 6 miles to day & cabled to
the right shore about half a mile
above Martins shoals.

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Monday 16th We went over the Shoals this morning where there was not more than 18 inches water and the boat draws 12 inches water, at the lower end of the Shoals our boat rolled the gravel for several feet. We lay by the greater part of the day in consequence of the wind the Brethren made new side bars. about 4 O'clock we started and in a short time we hung on the upper ~~part~~ end of the Palmyra Shoals, the Brethren got out in the water and with hard lifting they got off and went on about 100 yards and lodged on the lower part of the Shoals and lay all night. The Brethren had worked in the water for the space of an hour but to no effect. And while the Brethren was at work in the water I was engaged in making them a stew But in this they were disappointed as we were passing & repassing the stew was kicked over & took fire on the floor, Thus we ended our evening's frolic.

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Wednesday 17. This morning the
Brethren got out in the water
and hauled the Boat up a stream
about 20 yards and led it through
the proper channel. it rubbed the
gravel pretty much all the way.
We traveled about 3 miles to day and
came to the right shore about half
a mile below New York. This
evening Jefferson shot at a deer
while crossing the river. We could
not travel to ~~day~~ much advantage in
consequence of the wind and rain
for while we was at dinner we
were blown up stream 40 or 50 yds

Thursday Nov 18, This morning in going
through the yellow creek shoals our canoe
broke loose from the Boat & it was with some
difficulty that we got it again. Our Boat
rubbed the gravel for several feet on the
lower end of the shoals. We passed over

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the Wild Cat Shoals without any difficulty the distance between the two is 3 miles We traveled on very well to day until about half an hour by sun. Here we ran a ground on what is called the Little Horse Ford Shoals. The Brethren got out in the water with handspikes and prizes and worked until after sunset but did not succeed in getting off. Here we retired to our beds under the dreary sound of the water on the Shoals which reminded us of the bitter pill that was to be taken on our empty stomachs in the morning.

Friday This morning U & John hired a yoke of oxen for the purpose of hauling the Boat off the Shoals. They were fastened to the Stern of the Boat and the Brethren in the water with handspikes but all to no effect. Here they worked for the space of a couple of hours & dismissed the oxen. The Brethren afterwards borrowed a ferry flat and got a couple of hands to assist

in bringing it up for the purpose of taking
out the harvest of our loading. But with
four stout hands they could not succeed in
getting the ferry flat above the shoals
so this undertaking set aside. Urban
is quite unwell at this time.

Saturday 20, In the forenoon we fixed
a pump in our boat. In the P.M. Urban
and Jefferson went a mile or two in the
neighborhood to engage with hands to come
early the following morning to assist us in
getting off the shoals. They got the promise
of seven. Sampson spent the evening
in cutting firewood.

Sunday 21, The hands came according to
promise by sun rise ^{in number} we eat Early break
fast. All the Brethren except myself
went in the water with handspikes &
in the space of 3 quarters of an hour they
got her loose and led her 40 or 50 yards
up a stream then led her down in the proper
channel near the right hand shore.

The rubbed the gravel for several feet. we
stopped at the checker house about half a
mile below. some of the hands left us here
~~the balance of the~~ ^{the} Balance of the hands
stayed with us until we went over the
Elk Shoals here the hands led the Boat throu-
gh a narrow channel made by men that
followed Kule Boating. it rubbed on the gravel
for 50 or 60 yards. the distance between these
shoals and the Horse ford shoals is 2 miles
We then went on about 1 mile to
Bald Island shoals here the Brethren
with some of the hired hands led the
Boat over the worst of the shoals &
cabled to the left shore & settled with
the hands (too fast) (About one mile
above the Elk shoals we tied to the right
Bank and sold garden seed to the amount
of \$2) We then left Bald Island after
laying to shore for perhaps 30 minutes. About
one mile below this is Yeatman & Wood's
establishment. They are now ^{about} putting into

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into operation a forge and furnace a rolling
mill to make sheet iron and a nail factory
under the superintendence of Belknap.
Here we cabled (left shore) and sold garden
seed to the amount of 3 or 4 dollars. We then
untied our cable and went about one mile
below to cross creek, and lay all night.

Monday 22, we started early in the morning
and went about one mile below cross creek
and cabled to the left shore and cut some fire
wood. McMillon was some unwell and
Sampson got breakfast. Urban is also
unwell. After breakfast was over we
started on and got to Dover Island
about 2 O'clock P.M., a distance of about
6 miles after passing the island we cabled
to the right shore. Jefferson & Sampson
took the canoe and hunted out the proper channel
on the lower shoals and drove up stakes
We then started with our boat, when we
came to the channel Jefferson & Sampson

got out in the water and led the boat through the channel. the boat rubbed the gravel for several feet We landed at Dover about sun set in the course of the evening we sold 40 brooms and by the time we left here in the morning we sold seed to the amount of \$5⁰⁰ and 2 1/2 yds of jeans at 15 cts pr yd. we traveled 9 miles to day, ^{Monday} Tuesday 23 We left Dover about 9 O'clock A.M. We got along very well to day. after we passed the Gatland shoals a few paces our boat ran on a large rock in the middle of the river which detained us for 15- or 20 minutes from Dover to Gatland shoals 8 miles We sailed 2 miles below the shoals and lay all night (right shore) ~~the~~

Wednesday 24th We traveled until 13 O'clock and sailed to the right bank about one quarter of a mile below Skinners landing here we lay with our boat until one hour by sun in consequence of high winds in the evening when the wind subsided the Brethren unsailed & ran until one hour after night says travel 5 miles

Thursday, 25, We started early this morning and in one hours time we found our ~~self~~ Boat fast enough on Line Island bar occasioned by an attempt to take a left hand short. Jefferson & Sampson got out in the water with handspikes and with the assistance of Urban and Myself (Milton) on board of the Boat we succeeded in getting off in one hours time. The proper channel at these shoals is close to the right hand bank. in the ^{deepest} ~~shallowest~~ places on the shoals there is about 15 or 16 inches water. We passed over several shoals to day that were quite shallow when we came within a few hundred yards of what is called the Devils elbow. I (Milton) took the canoe and went on to search out the proper channel at this place the principal channel is in the middle of the river, and about 30 feet wide and banked up with rocks on each side so that it forms a rapid current. We succeeded

very well here, this is about one mile and a
half above Canton We passed the steam
Boat Emerald laying on a bar a few
paces above Canton. Landed at Canton
about sunset, here we saw one of our
neighbors, William Chamberlain. During
the evening we effected sales to the amount
of 50 cts, (two brooms)

^{Wed} Friday 3^d We left Canton by the break
of day, and arrived at the Little river
Shoals at an early hour in the day,
the distance of four miles. A deer made
its appearance on the bank of the river
Sampson and Jefferson took the canoe
and got to shore for the purpose of shoot-
ing, Jefferson got within 80 yds and shot
the deer, it ran the distance of 2 or 3 hundred
yards and fell dead. this circumstance
detained us for a few minutes, we then started
and in a few minutes ran aground on the
Little river shoal Jefferson & Sampson got
out in the water with handspikes and in a

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few minutes time we succeeded in getting off we then went on to Shellors Island the distance of 6 miles. we then proceeded on 2 miles farther to the Ingram shoals here we found the channel to have only about 15 inches water the boat rubbed the gravel for several feet the next is De Ball shoals one mile below the boat rubbed the gravel in two or three places. We sailed to the right shore a short distance below this Island, days travel 13 miles. (Beautiful weather)

Saturday 2^d. We landed at Odelyville about 10 O'clock A.M. And sold 15 or 16 brooms and a few papers of Garden Seed We tarried here for the space of one hour we then unladen and started on our days journey and proceeded on about 4 miles to camp roundy bar. channel to the left after we passed the bar we run on a snag that detained us some time in getting off. we then proceeded one mile farther and came to the ^{left} bank at an early hour and lay

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all night in consequence of high winds & rain.

Sunday 28th

~~Saturday~~ ~~27th~~ we started at an early hour and about 9 o'clock we passed over the Big Horse ford shoals. we rubbed the rock on the shoals. the proper channel in time of low water is within 15 or 20 feet of the right shore just below the ford. there was three Keel Boats loaded with groceries for Nashville waiting for a swell in the river. the distance from where we lay last night to this place is 4 miles.

We then proceeded on 14 miles farther and cabled to the right shore. The Steam Boats Red Rover and Nashville are laying here waiting for the waters to get up. Also two Keel Boats one called the Henry Clay. the other name unknown. At this place Jefferson sold 12 1/4 yards of jeans for \$12.25. Sold also one gallon of Whiskey for 50 cts - days travel 15 miles.

Monday 28 We uncabled and set sail

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by the break of day, we proceeded on at very good rates until about 3 O'clock P.M. we were necessitated to go to shore in consequence of up stream winds, we lay to shore for the space of half an hour, we then started again but in a few minutes time we were obliged to cable up, here we continued until about sun set the wind having subsided we ventured to try it again. we proceeded on very well until 8 O'clock, P.M. cabled to the right shore and lay all night, days travel 14 miles.

Tuesday 29, We started at half a past 4 O'clock A.M. and by 2 O'clock, P.M. we landed at the Mouth at Joseph Gwens improvement opposite Smithland we lay on this side for the space of 2 hours & sold 18 brooms and a few papers of Garden seed. We then pulled across to Smithland & effected some small sales. After night Sampson & Myself

(Milton) attended a meeting of the Citizens in general. The Speaker was a Baptist Citizen of New York and a Native of Virginia. The Steam Boats ~~Pacific~~ Lady Washington and Clarksville are laying here waiting for the waters to get up. There are also several Kells detained here in consequence of the low water.

Wednesday, December 1st 1830

We spent the day in knocking around trying to make sales we sold articles to the amount of \$45. It rained considerably during the night

Thursday 2nd the wind blew so violent the greater part of the day so it was impossible for us to travel. There fell several very hard showers of rain during the night

Friday 3rd We did not start early in the morning in consequence of the wind. About 8 O'clock we set sail for the Ohio river in fine spirits but on entering it we met with opposition winds which

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caused the utmost exertions on our part to keep from being blown on the current in bar we exerted ourselves very hard for the space of one hour or more and finally succeeded in landing just below the bar on the left bank of the Ohio river here we lay all night. from Struttan here 5 miles,

Saturday 4th 1820 We started this morning about 4 o'clock. we went on 10 miles and called at the mouth of Tennessee river there is a little town called Paducah we lay to shore about half an hour ~~then~~ uncabled and set sail. We did not sell one single article at this all important Village. We then proceeded on our days journey passed Fort Massac about sun set we continued on for the distance of 2 or 3 miles and cabled to the right shore and lay all night

Sunday December 5, We made a very good ^{day} ^{to day} travel, the Brethren pulled oars the greater

part of the day we passed the grand chain
between 12 and one o'clock and proceeded
on to a little town called America 4
miles below the grand chain we called
2 miles below America to the right
shore and lay all night

Monday 6. We started about the usual
time this morning and arrived at Trinity
about 9 o'clock. Left the distance of 5 miles
We sold articles here to the amount of
\$60, the most of this was received for
furs and fashings there was two dozen
brooms sold here and about 3 dollars
worth of garden seed. We left here
in the evening and floated down to
the mouth of the Ohio and called to the
Illinois point. there is a house of entertain-
ment keep here for the accommodation
of people wishing to ascend either the
Mississippi or the Ohio rivers or otherwise
for those who wish to descend the Mississippi
there is also a ware house existing here for

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the purpose of storing away goods this
will be very convenient for St Louis shippers
who have freight and are necessitated
to come up on Louisville Boats

Tuesday 4, We lay here until 4 O'clock
P.M. in consequence of the wind. the wind
subsided & it commenced raining. We then
uncabled and set out for the Mississippi
river & entered it about 20 minutes
before 5 O'clock P.M. we proceeded on
5 or 6 miles with considerable rapidity
and cabled to the right bank and lay
all night.

Wednesday

~~Tuesday~~ 5 We uncabled this morning
about day light and proceeded down about
4 miles and cabled to the right in consequence
of the rough sea. We continued here all
night. this was a very disagreeable night
the wind blew hard and ~~the~~ the waves
rolled so high that there was but little sleeping
done.

~~Thursday 6~~

Thursday December 7th 1830.

Wednesday 6th We continued here all day in consequence of the high winds, we enjoyed ourselves as well as could be expected sometimes chopping wood and sometimes reading the choicest of books. In the evening the wind subsided and we had a very pleasant night of it. Cool weather the wind direct from the North.

Friday 7th We started this morning by the break of day and proceeded on down to the Iron Banks the distance of 12 miles here we cabled and continued for the space of an hour we sold five yards of jeans here at 40 cts pr yd. & one yard & a half of dimesey at 50 cts pr yd. one pound of soap at 50 cts ~~pr lb~~ a few minutes after 13 O'clock we uncabled and started on our days journey. Also two brooms at 25 cts each, we proceeded on down within 4 or 6 miles of Mills's Point and cabled to the right shore and lay all night we had a very disastrous night of it the

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wind blew so hard that the waves kept the boat a rocking all night Urban and Jefferson were made sick by the rocking of the boat.

Saturday 12th We made an early start and landed at Mills Point by common Breakfast ^{the distance of 5 miles} time we sold articles here to the amount of \$18 principally guns and linsey perhaps \$5 worth of garden seed. We spent the day here.

Sunday 13th We started this morning about the usual time and floated the distance of 30 miles and cabled to the left shore 5 miles above New Madrid, Urban bought 4 heads of first rate cabbage. Urban is quite unwell at this time. But we are in hopes that he will soon recover his health.

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Monday 13th We started by the time we could see how to guide our boat and arrived at New Madrid by 9 o'clock. At the distance of 5 miles we lay in port about 2 hours & sold Beans & Linsey to the amount of 4 or 5 dollars. We uncabled and floated the distance of 12 miles & lay to the right shore we cabled at an early hour in consequence of the fog. (signs of the times)

Tuesday 14th We started about the usual time and floated across the river about two miles distant from where we lay last night. To Richard Merriwether's wood yard, we sold 16 dollars worth of Linsey at 40 cts per yd & two pair of footings at 50 cts per pair we lay here about 3 hours then set sail & went about 3 miles lower down and cabled to the left shore and lay all night in consequence of the wind.

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Wednesday 15th We started very early this morning & pulled across the river by this time the wind blew so hard that we cabled the boat and took breakfast ~~again~~ ^{again} the wind had subsided a little & the brethren concluded to try it again we then started and were in a short time ^{we were} ~~we were~~ necessitated to land in consequence of the wind we traveled about 8 miles to day and lay all night at the left bank.

Tuesday night & Wednesday morning were excessively cold, the wind blew very cold all day Wednesday.

Thursday 16 We floated 8 or 10 miles this morning & cabled to the left bank & spent the day here, owing to contrary wind This is the fifth day we have been hindered with the wind so much as not to float more ^{than} 8 miles upon an average. We sold a bolt of Linsey containing 24 yds to a man on a peddling boat at 40 cts per yd.

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Friday 17th We started this morning at half after 5 o'clock & floated to the Little Prairie by 9 o'clock A.M. the distance of 6 miles We landed here & sold articles to the amount of \$10⁰⁰/₄ principally Jeans & Linsey, we were detained here about one hour we then uncabled & proceeded on down 20 miles farther to Hardyman Walkers wood yard ^{and say all night} about 3 miles above this we passed the line between the State of Missouri and the Arkansas Territory. We now have the Arkansas on our right & Tennessee on our left. (Days travel 20 miles)

Saturday 18th We floated 10 miles this morning and landed at Blefords wood yard and sold articles to the amount of 16 or 17 dollars this is about the beginning of the Canadian Reach. We then proceeded about two miles lower down to Bearfields and cabled We remained here about one hour

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Without affecting any sales we uncabled
and traveled the distance of 16 miles &
cabled to the right shore. We had some
rain about 3 O'clock PM, with considerable
fog in the evening. We met the Steam
Boat Hudson coming up with the
Steam Boat St Louis in tow.

We traveled in company with a young
Man by the name of Beale who formerly
lived at Union Village. He says that
he went to live among the Believers
when he was about 14 years ^{old}, & remained
with them 11 years. It is now about
one year since he left the United
Society. He says that he enjoys himself
much better now than he did while he
remained in the Society after he began
to feel himself off. This no doubt
is the fact. Query does he feel as
comfortable now as he did when he
was subject to the requirements of the
Gospel.

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Sunday 19, We traveled about 25 miles to day & landed at a small town called Randolph about 5 o'clock P.M. & sold articles to the amount of 4 or 8 dollars We also took in 30 dollars for seed left here by Eli McLean last season with Mr. Sister, Miller & Bartlow. We Deported a box containing 400 papers with the same company to be sold at 12c cts pr paper & the usual commission charged. The distance from this village to Memphis is about 55 miles. We started after early

Monday 20, We started after Early Breakfast & traveled the distance of 15 miles. We then called to the left shore in consequence of the wind & spent the evening (2 o'clock) During the day we had light showers of rain & snow, in the evening the wind blew very hard from the

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North & North East it was an
excessive cold night with high gales of
wind

Tuesday 21 We spent the day at
the shore, owing to the contrary winds
This is a tremendous cold morning
This evening there is supposed
to be 30 flat boats cabled in the
bend of the river & each boat
it is thought will average 5 hands
Whale amount 150. To convince
the reader that the weather is
extremely cold. I will relate a
circumstance that occurred this
morning. In one of our neighbor
Boats. There was two men engaged
pulling oars in a snaggy and ~~very~~
dangerous bend of the river & each
having one hand bare & the other
in a glove thus they were obliged
to stand to their oars & pull with
all the strength they had until they

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could get a landing they finally succeeded in landing. & by this time each of their naked hands were frozen to such a degree that they were without feeling or sensation they bathed their hands in cold water & drew the frost out of them by this time they were badly swollen.

Wednesday 22nd We set sail about daylight in company with about 30 Flat Boats we traveled along pretty well until about one O'clock P.M. by this time the wind rose so high that it was quite difficult for us to keep company with the majority of boats as our boat is light & high the wind has a very great impression on it. However we made out to keep in company with a considerable number of them until we landed at Memphis between sunset and dark.

Thursday December 23rd 1830
cool disagreeable
weather. We sold articles to day to
the amount of \$125 principally
Garden Seed. The citizens of this
village say this is the coldest year
of weather they have experienced
for 4 or 8 years. Between 11 & 12 o'clock
this evening we had a very violent
wind storm. We received two letters
from our friends at South Union
one directed to W & E Johns & Jefferson
Shannon, the other to Jefferson
Shannon & company, the former
from Eli McLean the latter from
David Smith. They each gave favorable
intelligence respecting the health
of the inhabitants of South Union
(Hilton). Also received a letter
at this place from George de Rapan
of New Orleans under date October
1830. I also wrote him an answer
to it & sent it on the Steamer Criterion

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Friday we remained in port all day
& made sales to the amount of \$9, or
90 dollars principally garden seed.

This morning there was considerable
excitement among the inhabitants of
this village and also among the Boat
men in consequence of a flat Boat
landing with two men on it that are
very low with the small ~~for~~ as
soon as the Mayor & Citizens heard
of this circumstance they immediately
expelled them from the shore.

We have had several showers of rain
which has caused the mud on the wharf
to be ankle deep in the general.

There was considerable firing of guns
this evening A large cannon was fired
twice during the evening in honor of
our Saviour's birth day as they say.

December 25, 1839

Saturday 25, We remained in this village until about 12 O'clock & sold one box of garden seed to Winchell amounting to \$18 & one straw hat at the price of \$4. During our stay here we sold to Humphreys seed to the amount of \$70. Carr Wood & Company to the amount of \$65, Richardson to the amount of \$3,939. Dabney to the amount of \$28, Edmunds to the amount of \$16,433. Rembrough to the amount of \$4,84. Whole amount of sales effected at the Town of Humphreys \$236. We left this village about 12 O'clock & proceeded on down to Joshua Fletcher's wood yard the distance of 20 miles & lay all night (left Lake)

Sunday 26 We started at an early hour this morning & at sun set we had floated the distance of 45 miles

2 lay opposite Islands 57 & 58. Neglected
Winchester a Merchant of Memphis
informs us that there was two Brethren
from Union Village on a trading
expedition to this country viz
Dea & Longstreth. (The weather is
moderating very much)

Monday 27 We started about 5 o'clock
A.M. and floated the distance of 18
miles to a small Town called Helena
in the territory of Arkansas. We
tarried here for the space of one
hour & sold articles to the amount
of \$13 We started and proceeded 24
miles farther & lay on the left shore
a few miles above Islands 62 & 63.
Days travel 45 miles.

Tuesday 28 We started about
daylight & traveled in company
with ten or a Dozen large Boats
until ^{late} in the evening We traveled a while
after night & pabled to the right bank

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in the bend just below the foot of
Island 69. Days travel 45 miles

Wednesday 29th We started about
sun rise & with considerable difficulty
we traveled 13 miles by 10 O'clock A.M.
We then cabled to the right shore
one mile above Montgomerys landing
in consequence of the unfavorable wind
in the evening we uncabled & pulled
down to the above mentioned landing
& sold articles to the amount of \$14
(days travel 13 miles)

Thursday 30th We started about
4 O'clock A.M. & proceeded very well
for a few hours until we were met
with violent up stream wind. & for
the last half hour we were tossed about
like a dug out the waves rolled perpetually
one after another to the height of 8
& 10 feet. Our condition was truly
alarming all this time we were using

our utmost exertions to get to the shore
the wind came from for the sake of
good landing our prospects for doing
this was very bad for at times our sails
would not touch the water & at other
times they were buried several feet
with water owing to the rolling waves
But recollecting the scripture that
says Blessed is he that endureth to the
end We renewed our resolutions & within
a short time we got to land on the
left bank about half a mile above
the mouth of Arkansas river ~~days~~
travel 19 miles,

Friday 31st The wind subsided
& we started about 9 O'clock, A.M.
it turned out to be a beautiful
day for floating & we made good
use of it during the day we traveled
about 30 miles & the ensuing night
35 miles making in all by 4 O'clock

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the following morning 65 miles we
then cabled to the right bank at
point Chicot we lay down & slept
till day light. The Mississippi
has been on the rise ever since
we entered it until now. It now
falls several inches in the space
of 24 hours

Saturday January 1st 1831
We wish the Brethren & Sisters
at South Union a happy & prosp-
= erous new year. Also that we
may be attended with a blessing
during our absence & our safe
return among our friends at So,
Union.

We traded to the amount of \$10
at Chicot mostly Garden Seed
We started about 9 o'clock A.M.
& traveled about 4 miles & cabled to
the right shore & lay all day. (For wind)

January 2nd 1834.

Sunday 2nd We started between 1 ~~o'clock~~
& 2 O'clock A.M. & traveled about 15 miles
by the time day made its appearance
we proceeded on very well until 11 or
12 O'clock A.M. we then cabled to the
right bank in consequence of the rough
wind. we spent the remainder of the day
here (days travel 30 miles) Sampson
& myself (Milton) spent one hour
or two in hunting cane roots & pipe
stems.

Monday 3rd We continued here until
3 O'clock P.M. We then uncabled & pulled
down to New Mexico a little
Village in Washington County. Lake
Washington is about 5 miles back
of this village We sold ^{garage} seed
to a young man by the name of
Campbell to the amount of \$4.60
& straw hats to the amount of \$1.08
We sold other articles to the amount of
\$4 making in all, \$4 dollars & 60 cents.

January 4, 1834
Tuesday 4, We left Mexico about
sun rise & proceeded on tolerably well
considering we had some opposition
wind to encounter. We landed at
Lake ~~Washington~~ Providence
between sun set & dark Days
travel 30 or 35 miles.

Wednesday 5th We continued
at Lake Providence until about
two O'clock PM, & made sales to
the amount of \$45 principally
Garden Seed. We then unladen
& proceeded on down to Mr Reens
plantation on the left side of the
river above Suland's & Co's, Days
travel 12 miles. At this settlement
we supplied ourselves with three bushels
of excellent sweet Potatoes of uncommon
size, & Bartered for a very fine Bear
skin worth \$2.50.

January 6, 1831

Thursday 5. We started this morning between 6 & 7 o'clock & proceeded on down the distance of 8 or 10 miles to Bucks plantation on the right bank & sold a Box of Garden seed containing 56 papers. We also sold one of the same size to a planter here by the name of Evans, whose farm is about 8 miles distant from this place as you descend the river & on the same side. He wishes us to call on him every year as we go down. We then uncabled & pulled down 12 miles farther & landed ~~for~~ on the left bank opposite Island No 102.

Friday 6. We started about sunrise the morning is quite unfavorable it is drizzling rain at this time. We pulled down the distance of 10 miles to Milikins settlement & landed & sold articles to the amount of

January
14, 84^{pm} We then unloaded & traveled
on down to the Mouth of Yazoo
river, the Brethren procured a quantity
of ash wood to last us while lying
at Vicksburg. Days travel 22 miles

Saturday 8th We started about sun
rise & met with with some opposition
wind & some that was favorable
however we arrived at Vicksburg
by 11 O'clock. A. M. Mornings traveled
10 miles, shortly after we arrived
in town Jefferson & myself (M.M.)
went to the Post Office & made
enquiry for letters. Jefferson received
one from J. R. Eads which was very
satisfying indeed. We knocked round
the balance of the day & effected sales
to the amount of \$18 or 20 dollars
mostly Sage. We find the article of
Sage in good demand in this place

January 9th, 1831.

Sunday Very disagreeable weather with some sprinkles of snow & very muddy. Our Friend & fellow-Citizen Henry Clay, arrived here this morning at 4 O'clock A.M. (Vicksburg) in the Steam Boat Daniel Boone & departed this evening about 1 O'clock P.M. for New Orleans. No trading to day.

Monday 10th We had snow about one inch deep this morning. The river Mississippi is fast on the rise. We effected sales to day to a considerable amount principally straw hats & garden seed. We have beautiful weather once more.

Tuesday 11th Warm days with cool nights this morning. We were visited with a frost equal to a Kentucky frost. We used considerable exertions to day to make sales & succeeded pretty well. ~~We have sold in all~~

January 11, 1831,
Sold in Vicksburgh articles to the amount
of \$444.64, principally Garden Seed
& straw hats.

Wednesday 12th We left Vicksburgh
about sun rise & proceeded on
down to Warrenton a distance
of 12 miles we landed & sold
articles Garden Seed to the amount
of \$44 We then uncalled & went
with speed the balance of the
evening & landed at Joseph &
Davis's plantation opposite Island
No 108 Days travel 30 miles,

Jefferson Mailed a letter at Vicksburgh
directed to Jesse Mc Combs
South Union Ky. (Jan 12th)

Thursday 13th We started about sun
rise after trading with Joseph & Davis to
the amount of five or six dollars, the
fore part of the day was quite unfavorable
for traveling we landed at the Grand Gulf

January 13th
about 3 O'clock P.M. the distance of 18 miles

on Friday 14th after breakfast Urban hired a horse and went to Port Gibson a distance of 8 miles & sold Garden seed to the amount of \$5.50 & made engagements with two Merchants to come the succeeding day for the purpose of getting a supply of our Garden seed. The rest of us were engaged in making sales at this village to the best advantage. Urban returned from Port Gibson with some encouragement in the seed way.

Saturday 15th We marked the boxes that were to go to Port Gibson & deposited them with Dr. Newell of this place. About 11 O'clock A.M. the Merchants that Urban engaged with arrived here & bought seed to the amount of \$46.90. 5 brooms & 3 pair socks. Sold in all at Port Gibson to the amount \$102.90 at the Gulph to the amount of 28 dollars.

January 15, 1831
We left the Grand Gulf about 12 O'clock
A.M. & proceeded on down 2 miles below
Bainburg the distance of 12 miles

Sunday 16th we started about early
breakfast time & proceeded on down
to Little Gulf the distance of 7 miles
& landed about 9 O'clock A.M. & sold
bats to the amount of \$45.25 & socks
\$6.75 & Garden seed to the amount
of \$119.12 1/2 cents. Received for seed left
last season \$7.00

Monday 17th Sold seed to day to the
amount of \$40. footings \$5 whole
amount of articles sold at Rodney
\$245.42 1/2 cents We left here about
10 O'clock A.M. & proceeded on with
much difficulty in consequence of the
wind & sailed to the left shore 3 1/2 miles
below Cales creek evening's travel 18 miles

Tuesday 18, We still have contrary

wind to encounter which retards our progress very much we landed at Natchez, about 1 O'clock M. days travel 18 miles. shortly after we landed Jefferson & myself (~~they~~) went to the Post Office & received a letter from our friends at South Union which gave general satisfaction. Written by J. Speckle Bomb & signed Eli M. Dean.

Wednesday 19, Beautiful Weather
We made considerable exertions to day in making sales & succeeded much better than we had previously anticipated our garden seed are in good credit the demand for them this season is much greater than any year previous. It is supposed that there is at this time 200 flat Boots lying at Natchez.

January 24, 1831,
Thursday. There was a considerable
frost this morning, & the day is quite
beautiful. We finished making sales
this morning about 10 O'clock. We
effected sales in this City in the
Garden seed way to the amount of
\$172, in the Hat way \$18 whole
amount of sales at that place \$240
between 11 & 12 O'clock. At 11.45 left
the port of St. Charles & proceeded on
down to the lower end of Ellis's
slifts & cable to the left bank at
the Plantation of a man by the name
of Hatchings. Evening's travel 20 miles
we had a few sprinkles of rain
this evening. Urban mailed a
letter to day, to go to South Union

Friday. We started about sun-
rise & proceeded on slowly in
consequence of the unfavorable
wind we landed at Fort Adams

about 4 O'clock P.M. & left a barrel
of killed dried meat sent by Samuel
S. Mc Cland to a Merchant of
this place we also sold one box of seed
containing 224 papers to a Merchant
by the name of Mr. Kelly we then
unraveled & proceeded about half a
mile lower down & called to the
left shore. We passed several Steam
Boats under way, this to some
would sound extraordinary but it
is a fact. Days travel 35 miles

Saturday 22 We started about day light
& progressed slowly for the distance of 7 miles
& called up to the right bank & laid in
a sufficiency of wood to do us to New
Orleans About one mile below this in
the Red river bend Uncle Sam. is engaged
in cutting through the bank which is but
75 feet through & from 14 to 18 round we
proceeded on slowly until between 11 & 12 O'clock

January 22, 1831,

At night, during the day & part of the night we met 5 Steam Boats ascending the river. Day & night travel 45 miles.

Sunday 23 We started about sunrise & proceeded on down to Bayou Linnier. We were detained here about 2 hours & sold one bag of Garden Seed containing 234 papers to Dr Eams. We then unrolled & proceeded on down to Capt Morgans & calked up for the night. During the evening Urban & Jefferson visited Friend Morgan & who did they find here but William H Falconer who has acted as agent for our Society the last 2 years now under the character of a Broken Merchant. And we fear we will be partaking in the loss in some degree.

Monday 24, We started early as usual & floated on down to Bayou Sarah the distance of 10 miles & during the day at Bayou Sarah & St Francisville

We effected sales to the amount of \$2298⁷/₁₆
for garden seed, for hats \$44 whole amount
\$2361, 8¹/₁₆. We finished our business here
about sun set we then uncabled & floated
on, until 12 O'clock at night evenings travel
18 miles whole day travel 30 miles

Tuesday 25th We made an early start & by
10 O'clock A.M. we cabled at James Mc Cabel's
plantation 8 miles above Baten Rogue on the
opposite side of the river. Shortly after
we landed, Jefferson & myself (Hilton)
took a walk through the plantation & to
the sugar house we then accompanied
James Mc Cabel to his dwelling house.
After sitting a short time with his family
we invited them to our boat & traded
with them to a small amount. And about
One O'clock P.M. we uncabled & pulled over
to Baten Rogue & sold garden seed to the
amount of \$15, 50. About 3 O'clock P.M.
we left Baten Rogue & proceeded on

until 11 O'clock P.M. & cabled to the left-
bank evenings travel 14 miles.

Wednesday 26, We started at 5 O'clock A.M.
& landed at Haquemin by 8 O'clock
A.M. the distance of 14 miles we
remained here about 2 hours & sold
a few seeds in the retail way. We
also received 26 dollars for seed left
last season with Warren Aborn.
At About 10 O'clock A.M. we left the
& proceeded on down 6 miles & cabled
to the left-shore at the Plantation
of Chambers & Nugent. We remained
here until 9 O'clock P.M. We then uncabled
& floated until 3 O'clock A.M. we then
cabled & slept till morning.

Thursday 27, We started about day-
light & proceeded on slowly on account
of the heavy fog the greater part
of the time we could see neither shore
it remained so until 11 O'clock A.M. about
this time we passed Donaldsonville
situated on the right bank. we

proceeded on about 10 miles below Donaldsonville
& camped to the right bank about 3 O'clock
P.M. in consequence of the wind,

Jefferson is quite unwell at this time
but I am in hopes he will soon
recover, he has taken no medicine as yet
except a few vegetable pills & a dose
of Epsom salts,

Friday 28, We traveled 7 miles to day
& camped about 1 mile below Bonnet
Church.

Saturday 29, We traveled sometimes ^{traveled} in
the night & sometimes in day light just
according as the wind blew. During the
day & night we traveled 15 or 18 miles
& camped about half a mile above
Bonnet Square Church. During the
night one of our neighbors, Bostonian
was robbed of a trunk of clothes and
one hundred dollars in cash also
a chest of clothing.

Sunday Jan 30, — 1831
We traveled but one mile to day
in consequence of the rough wind
During the day we were much
troubled with the people of Calcutta
they wishing to purchase articles such
as pork & whisky of them we had none.

Monday 31 We made an early start
& traveled on six miles by this time
the wind rose & we called to the
left shore. During last night &
to day the wind blew so as to
keep the river very rough the waves
a great part of the time were ten
feet high. We have heard of several
accidents happening flat boats &
rafts within one mile of us there
was one flat boat load of beef
butter &c in number drowned
Also a small sloop that had
ascended the river for sugar &
Malapies that was very much damaged

February 1, 1834,

We floated pretty much the preceding night & by 10 O'clock A.M. we all arrived safely at the Port of New Orleans in good health & in circumstances somewhat enviable after we had lay a few minutes at the landing Urban & Jefferson walked down in the City. And I (Mellon) visited my old friend George de la Harpe & then proceeded down in the City & there met with Urban & Jefferson we then returned to the boat.

Wednesday

February 2nd Urban Jefferson & Sampson went down in the city, and I (Mellon) attended to the boat the two former dined with Mr. Whyte Merchant of this City.

Thursday 3rd Cool weather Urban & Jefferson went down in the City, I (Mellon) dined with George de la Harpe. ~~Friday~~ ~~Monday~~ last we received a letter from our friends at South Union.

N^o February 4th, 1831,

We spent the time as usual looking at the curiosities of the city of New Orleans. I will only note particular circumstances in future.

Sunday 6. Very unpleasant weather Urban & myself (Alston) dined with William Alston, having had a very friendly invitation to take up lodgings with friend Alston. I accordingly accepted the invitation on Thursday the 10th of the present month. Also this day the Brethren reshipped their baggage off the flat boat on to the Steam Boat Brandywine.

Sunday 13th. To day at 12 O'clock all the Steam Boat Brandywine left the Port of New Orleans bound for Louisville. I attended at the landing at 10 O'clock A.M. & took leave of my kind Brethren Urban Jefferson & Sampson. So kindly farewell.

Monday 4th. Raining weather with cold windy

February 15. 1836.

Tuesday 15. perpetual rain all the fore-
= evening night & nearly all day with some
unwholesome fog. I spent the day
altogether at home.

Wednesday 16. the weather has undergone
a change for the better

Thursday 17. Clear & rather cool
we were visited this evening by our friend
George de Poyan & ~~his~~ Bernard Abbott
supper with us.

Friday 18th Clear & pleasant I went
down in the City & returned in the
evening

Saturday 19 Moderate weather I walked
out to the levee in the A.M. Spent the
P.M. at home (some unwearied) the S.B.
Uncle Sam^l the Port of Orleans in the
greatest splendor with a regular band of
music which was very melodious. (between
the hours of 4 & 5 P.M.) Steam boat Papie
arrived here from Smithland Ky.

~~NO~~ Sunday ~~Feb~~ February 21, 1831
~~Pleasant weather~~ ^{Low} I walked out to the
twice during the day. I am not as well
as common to day, having taken some
Antibilious pills last evening.
We were visited to day by a family
by the name of Woodman. Also
friend Alston & myself visited
our friend & neighbor George de
Parker, in the A.M. (Also a good Oyster
Dinner at home at 1 O'clock P.M.)

Monday 21, It commenced raining about
10 O'clock A.M. & continued raining until
3 O'clock P.M. the day has been ^{productive}
of heavy dull sensations on my part not
being in a good state of health at this time.
in the A.M. I walked out to the bay & got to
days paper the remainder of the day
I spent at home. There is at this
time a great many flat boats at
the landing a great many of which
are loaded with corn.

Feb 22, 1836.

Tuesday Pleasant weather over head
This evening George de Vasson visited
the family with which I reside. ~~As~~
~~he was stepping on the gallery he was~~
hit by a dog that was lying underneath.
However the greatest injury sustained
was the tearing of the Capt. Pantaloons.
I spent the day altogether at home.

Wednesday 23, This morning I took a
letter and put it on the Steam
Boat Kentuckian directed to David
Smith

Thursday 24, Pleasant weather
This day in consequence of the small
pox raging in this City I got vaccinated
as a preventative against said disease
price \$1.00 Friend Gray came
over & spent the evening with
us. The Steam Boat Ark Row
of a Vashelle arrived in port this
afternoon.

N P Friday February 25, 1831

Warm and cloudy the greater part of the day. Spent the day pretty much at my place of ^{residence} ~~dwelling~~. My health is some improved within the last ~~few~~ days.

Saturday 26, 1831. Warm & Blustering I spent the day pretty much at home.

Sunday 27 About 3 O'clock All it evening = ened raining & thundering exceedingly ^{hard} & continued for two or three hours. The after part of the day was quite pleasant. Friend George de Rappin dined with us at half past 3 O'clock P.M. The dinner was served up in a superior style, &c.

Monday 28 Beautiful weather. Friend ~~John~~ & myself went in to the City in the morning & returned home & dined at 2 O'clock P.M.

Tuesday March 1, 1831. A beautiful day. I rode on horse back about 4 miles up the coast & returned home at 4,

N. O. March 2nd, 1831.

Wednesday 3rd Beautiful weather. This morning
Grand Allston & Myself (Hilton) rode down
in a gig to the battle ground 8 miles
below the city of New Orleans & returned
in the evening. I passed the day quite
pleasantly my health is much improved
within the last 10 days. Also Allston &
Myself dined with a neighbor by the
name of Woodman.

Thursday 4th Warm & cloudy with some
rain. This evening at 4 O'clock there
was a man by the name of Brown
Executed for having killed a man
a few weeks ago.

Friday 5th Cloudy & warm. I have some
fever this evening occasioned by vaccination.
I wrote a letter home to A. Burnett.

Saturday 6th Warm with some rain.

Sunday 7th Clear and beautiful in the
A.M. In the P.M. there fell considerable
rain. Visited by Woodman & family.

N^o March 4, 1834.
Monday 4. Beautiful weather

my Tuesday 5. th much as the preceding day. See de Spain took supper with us.

Wednesday 6. the weather continues warm & agreeable. I went to John Swain's drug store.

Thursday 7. Clear & something cooler than the preceding day. I went as low down as Orleans street (something new) where a station the man with whom I live starts this evening to Hartford in the Steam Boat Belfast.

my Friday 8. Clear & warm. this morning I had a chill & fever occasioned by a cold?

Saturday 9. It commenced raining in the latter part of the night & continued without intermission until 12 O'clock. Also some rain in the evening. —

S O March 13th 1831.
Sunday 13th Clear and pleasant over-
head with considerable wind in
circulation (very muddy under foot)

Monday 14th Clear in the A.M. cloudy
in the P.M. with considerable wind in
circulation ^{from the morning} (Peter deserted his home)

Tuesday 15th Cool in the morning with ~~very~~
heavy damp air in circulation. It commenced
raining about 12 O'clock to day &
continued the remainder of the day with
but little interruption. (~~Peter left home~~)

There is at this time a great many Steam
Boats at the landing. Yesterday a new
Steam Boat arrived in this Port called
the Louisville. To say the least about
her, she is truly a splendid Boat worthy
of her name. Yesterday I visited my friend S. H. P.

Wednesday 16th Cloudy with frequent
rain until 4 O'clock P.M. Cool & windy
the remainder of the day

N.C. March 16, 1834

Wednesday. about 4 O'clock This evening Friend William Alston arrived safely at home from States on the Steam Boat Huntress.

(Disagreeable weather) ^{no letter from home yet}
Night before last we were visited by a white frost.

Thursday 17. cool & cloudy. this day I was an eye witness to a man's eating 200 ^{big} ^{down} ^{at one set}

Friday 18. clouds were high & shifting with cool winds in circulation. I went to town to day for the first in several days. I went to the Post Office with the expectation of getting a letter from my friends at South Union, but in this I was disappointed. Steam Boats Brandywine & Nashville arrived in this port this morning. Geo de Vaux & Bernard took supper with us this evening.

N. O. March 19, 1831.
Saturday 19 Very cool & windy for
this country & generally cloudy.
Henry Clay left the City of
New Orleans to day in the
Steam Boat Philadelphia bound
for Louisville & from thence
to his domicile near Lexington &
surrep to him Mr. Robinson.

Sunday 20. Clear & disagreeably cool
for this country at this season of the year.
Friend Woodman & family dined here
to day at 2 O'clock P.M. The dinner was
adorned with various kinds of vegetables
& meats of every description & in the end
a fine pudding to finish our
I spent the day altogether at home Milton.

Monday 21. Blustering weather
& uncommonly cool.

Tuesday 22. Disagreeably cool & windy
we were visited with a white frost last
night which has proven destructive

N.O. Sunday March 32 - 1834.
to vegetables. I went to town for no
other purpose than to examine the
Post Office for a letter - Exsho
I also put one in the letter Post on
Board the Steam Boat Orleans
directed to David Smith under
date March 24th

Wednesday 33rd. Warm & disagreeably
windy. I spent the evening with friend
George de la Paue.

Thursday 24th Clear & warm we again
have the appearance of settled weather
We had last night what is here called
the equinoctial storm, it was very
severe also a light shower of rain early
in the morning.

Friday 25th Clear & warm in the AM
In the PM cloudy & windy. I went
into the City on business for Mr
Ston. To day I am 24 years old
How sweet home there no place like home
over or here

N O. Saturday March 26, 1831.
Fair weather, Visited by Geo de Rapan

Sunday 27. Beautiful weather, I spent
the afternoon with George de Rapan

Monday 28 Cloudy & windy with a light
showery of rain. I went to town
with the expectation of getting a
letter from home. (Disappointed)

Tuesday 29. Disagreeably windy, & dirty
James Stewart visited his relatives at this place

Wednesday 30. Warm & disagreeably windy

Thursday 31. Much as the preceding day
Late this evening, Jane Estlin left here
in company with James Stewart & son
on a visit to the Yagoo country
Geo de Rapan took supper with Pres.

N^o April 1. 1831.

^{mon} Friday 1. cellar warm & windy.
To day I recieved a letter from So Union
under date March 18, written by D Smith

Saturday 2nd warm & windy the Mercury
ranged from 74 to 80.

I spent a good part
of the day with Friend George. In the
evening we walked about 3 quarters of a mile
to see a Dentist & returned home between
sun set & dusk.

Sunday 3rd clear & very warm,
Mer ranged from 78 to 80

Monday 4th, cloudy with a shower of
rain about 4 O'clock A.M. the is 24 degrees
lower than yesterday.

Tuesday 5th cool windy weather
Mer 50 deg. visited by Geo de Roper

Wednesday 6th It commenced raining about
6 O'clock A.M. and continued pretty
much all day. I wrote a letter to D Smith
at New Bedford

N O April 7, 1831,

Thursday 7, Moderately warm
I spent the evening with friend
George de R. parr

Friday 8th Clear cold & disagreeably
windy for this climate at this season
of the year

Saturday 9th very cool & windy. The
ranged from 50 to 60

Sunday 10th Clear pleasant weather
To day at 11 O'clock Wm. Alston & Myself
attended the Presbyterian meeting. after
meeting we walked to the Post Office
& made enquiry for letters. I recieved
one from my good friends at Bath
Union written by Oliver & Esq
which was very satisfactory to me to
hear of the general health & prosperity
of the Believers in general from East to West.

N^o 2 April 11, 1826
Monday, cool & windy yet clear

Tuesday 12th, clear moderate & windy
I spent the day with friend George
I ~~also~~ assisted in cleaning out his orange
hedge. In the evening friend George went
home with William Abston & myself,
& spent an hour or two with us.
I have many pleasant dreams about
the good people at South Union &
many good feelings about them during
the day. I have frequently dreamed of
being visited by some of the Believers
& often times have dreamed of visiting
my friends at South Union, upon the
whole I have many comfortable feelings
about the Believers at So Union. Abston

Wednesday 13th, It was showery off & on all
day, & during the night I recollect ever
detected such terrible claps of thunder
and torrents of rain which continued

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^{pulling} the whole night attended with severe & frightening winds the scene was truly terrifying & at this time the plains are covered with water, which resembles a lake with little holes rising here & there above the water, there fell considerable hail. ~~Mr~~ William Stetson is quite unwell at this time George de Rapaun came to see him & about 8 O'clock ^{P.M.} he took a turn for the better.

Thursday 14th; It continued thundering & raining exceedingly hard until about 11 O'clock ~~A.M.~~ It abated for a few hours & commenced ^{again} with heavy roaring thunder & torrents of rain falling which continued for several hours & O'clock at night when I went to bed it was still raining.

Friend Geo. de Rapaun visited us in the afternoon & returned home in the evening. The Steamer Walter Scott arrived in port this evening in which ~~last~~ ^{her} ~~James Stetson came~~ ^{very} ~~down from the finger from the~~

N^o 11

April 15, 1831.

Friday 15 It continued raining in the forenoon. In the P.M. it cleared off & we again have the prospects of beautiful weather.

Friend George & Bernard visited us in the A.M. It is said by the inhabitants of this city that they have not experienced three days of such successive hard raining since the year 1819.

Saturday 16th Beautiful weather. I spent the greater part of the day with George de Rapau. He in return spent the evening with us.

Last night a Kentucky flat Boat was invaded by a company of robbers a riot ensued between the parties which ended in the stabbing of one of the Boatmen. The wound is supposed to be mortal. The rebels made their escape & have not been heard of as yet. (16th April)

We again have the prospects of fine weather. The Mercury ranges from 65 to 78 which is a pleasant temperature.

N. O. April 14th, 1834, 200
Sunday 14th Pleasant weather

William Steton & Myself sat down
to a breakfast of Bear meat at home
After breakfast I went to the Steam
Boat landing & put a letter on board
the Steam Boat Atlantic directed
to Elder Benjamin

Also about 3 O'clock P.M. George de Papan
dined with Mr. Steton & Myself, we eat
heartily of Bear meat cooked in two different
ways. It was truly excellent.

Monday 15th Warm with a light sprinkle
of rain in the P.M.

I spent this day at home except that
I went to the bank for the newspapers.
The splendid Steamer (Atlantic) left
Port this evening (late) for Louisville, Ky.
Friend George de Papan paid us a visit
this afternoon.

2nd Sunday 16th Warm & sultry

N^o April 20, 1837
Wednesday 20, very warm the sun
from 48 to 84. I spent the principal
part of the day with George de Rappan.

Thursday Much as the preceding day
I went into the city to day on business
on my return I ^{spent} an hour or time
at the house of Geo. de Rappan.

Friday 22 Very warm I spent the
greater part of the day with
George de Rappan.

Saturday 23, this day at half past
10 O'clock the Rail road being completed
(it begins at the river & continues to Lake
Bichet train) there was three different
cars loaded with the Publick officers
of this City (N. Orleans) amused
themselves by pleasure riding.

to day as I was walking down on the
Levee I was suddenly surprised by seeing
a man that had been drowned for
several days from appearances tied
with a rope around his body & tied
to a stake. He was discovered this
morning to be lying between two large
ships & was brought to shore by a com-
pany of Sailors. (The sight was awful)

Sunday 24th Cloudy with a light sprinkle
of rain in the A.M.

Monday 25th Clear warm & pleasant
This afternoon I Mr Robinson embarked
on the Schooner Thomas for Philadelphia
for the purpose of recovering my health
by the Sea Voyage. I had previously
intended embarking for New York but
not being able to get a passage on
good terms I declined

Tuesday 26 By the break of day we were
~~at~~ the mouth of the river or Boqueron
as is commonly called here we flung
out the anchor, to wait for a Pilot
to take us through the ~~passes~~ ^{passes} accordingly
a pilot arrived about 8 o'clock we
drew in the anchor & set sail & in
two hours time we entered the
Gulf of Mexico we had fair wind
& rough sea made good progress

Wednesday 27th fine weather & fair
wind, with tolerable rough sea

Thursday 28 clear & warm & rather
calm, we made but little progress
to day

Friday 29th clear & calm about 10
o'clock A.M. a large shark made
his appearance & followed the vessel
a mile or two & disappeared

Saturday 30th Clear & calm we could scarcely perceive ourselves to move at all one vessel in sight. At about 10 O'clock A.M. a large whale made his appearance within two miles of our vessel he was in the act of spouting water when he was first discovered he would rise out of the water to the height of 20 or 30 feet & then sink beneath a number of times & finally disappeared.

Sunday May 1st Calm during the day with a pleasant breeze for sailing at night we have in sight of an American man of war cruising around the West India Islands for the purpose of protecting American commerce.

Monday May 2 Fair with a pleasant

May 3, 1831
breeze for sailing during the AM. in
the PM quite calm until late in
the evening we then had a pleasant
breeze for sailing. We discovered another
vessel apparently 8 miles distant this is
the third day we have been in sight
of a vessel bound Northward.

Tuesday 3rd Rather calm for sailing
there are six sail in view this morning.
Another Shark made his appearance
& followed the vessel for a short
distance & disappeared, late in the
evening we had a fine wind for sailing
to day our vessel is visited by three
or four dozen of different kinds of
small birds.

Wednesday 4th This morning between
the hours of one & two O'clock we were sudde-
nly awoke by a noise on deck every one
in the vessel being considerably frightened
hurried on deck & when we came to learn

our situation we were sailing at pretty good speed again a very large rock about 30 feet above the surface of the sea & it was with much difficulty that the sailors & all hands could pull the sail down in time to prevent the vessel from being stove to pieces. they finally succeeded in getting the sail down so that the head way of the vessel was pretty well checked by the time we hit the rock. here we lay for the space of three quarters of an hour every wave throwing us again the rock as if it would stove the vessel all to ^{pieces} ~~pieces~~ ~~all to pieces~~ At this time some were praying & some swearing And as for my own part I made a solemn vow never again to ask permission for leave of absence for the purpose of recovering my health whether I succeeded with my health by this voyage or not My union with believers is evidently of much greater

importance to me than health without
union. And if I am so blessed with health
^{as} to return once more among my Gospel
friends I will ever after reconcile myself
to the gift of God without using any kind
of persuasions with the view of recovering
my impaired health.

I must proceed on & show how we got
away from the huge rock after thumping
against the rock for near an hour, the
wind abated & the sea became calm &
in consequence of this we owe our lives
whether it was the immediate interposition
of the hand of providence. I will leave
the reader to judge.

The Capt then ordered the anchor to be
carried out in the long boat 50 or 60
yds & plunged out by these means they
got the vessel out near the anchor
& unfortunately the anchor dragged
& we gradually fell back against the

rock. This was truly discouraging. The Capt then ordered both anchors to be taken out & by these means they succeeded in getting off the distance of 400 yds here we all lay at anchor waiting for a breeze of wind to take us out about 10 O'clock. All we were favored with a light breeze & succeeded in getting away without materially injuring the vessel. If the wind had off rose with the sun as is usual we all would have been wrecked against some of the Bahama or Isaacks rocks as they are called & left to the mercy of the four winds. There are near 50 Islands in this part of the Ocean called the Bahama Islands the whole not containing a population exceeding 15000.

About 2 O'clock P.M. we saw perhaps 45 or 50 porpoises all steering one direction

Thursday 5 Fair, with a pleasant breeze for sailing, in the morning & evening. Also to day a great many Porpoises made their appearances steering a South Easterly direction

Friday 6 Fair weather with an aft wind all day

Saturday 7 Pleasant weather for sailing with rough sea in the PM, we made considerable progress to day notwithstanding two brigs passed us steering the same direction

Sunday 8th Strong head wind all day with rough sea the waves frequently ^{rolled} to the height of 50 feet. It was with much difficulty that the Helmsman could keep the vessel to the compass. It was no uncommon thing for the waves to fly on deck sufficiently to give us all a good wetting. In the evening the evening the wind

abated & the sea became tolerably calm

Monday 9th Cloudy with a light shower of rain in the P.M. Heavy head winds & rough sea all day. Several vessels passing to & fro

Tuesday 10 We were becalmed in the A.M. about 3 O'clock in the P.M. we were favored with a very fine breeze.

Wednesday 11 Rough sea, with a strong breeze of wind in our favor, all day. We came in sight of land about 2 O'clock P.M. the distance supposed to be about 25 or 30 miles. about 5 O'clock this evening a Pilot boat came to us & put a pilot aboard to pilot us up the bay to Philadelphia & about 11 O'clock this evening we entered the capes

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Thursday 12th Beautiful weather
we were favored with an apt
wind all the way up the Delaware
we passed Wilmington the Metropolis
of Delaware about half after 12
O'clock 15 miles below Philadelphia
at half past 2 O'clock P.M. We
landed at the wharf at Philadelphia
foot of arch street. Having letters
from Thomas Swain ^{of New Orleans} to his Mother
in this place. I proceeded to the
house No 263 North Second Street
about one mile distant from where
we landed. I delivered the letters
~~accepted~~ an invitation from Sophia
Swain (the Mother of Thomas) to stay
at her house a few days until I got
ready to proceed on my journey here
I was received & treated in the most
hospitable manner, by all the family.

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Clear & warm In the P.M. Jonathan
Swain (son of Sophia Swain) walked
with me through the City showing
me the Public buildings of different
kinds such as the United States
Bank Independence Hall several
splendid Churches the Water works
on the Schoolkill Callowhill street
Bridge Market street Bridge
Dr Benjamin Franklins grave
The new Prison covering 11 acres of
ground the house of refuge The
United States goal & County do. The Union
Canal leading round the ~~bridge~~ ^{dams} that cross the
river Schoolkill at the water works &
many beautiful squares ornamented
with shade trees, in this manner we spent
Friday P.M. and all day Saturday Also
this morning while walking through
the market a man by the name of
Cot taped me on the shoulders asked
me if I lived in New Lebanon N.Y.

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I replied in the negative but told him that I was a member of a similar Society in Kentucky. He then told me there was two Members of the New Lebanon Society in the City & if I would walk with him up Market Street to his store I would most probably find them there. I accordingly did so & they were not there. He then told me where I would be most likely to find them in arch street. I went there but found no Brethren. The woman of the house told me If I would come Monday morning I would be sure to find them as they were to be there by appointment. From the above circumstance I concluded to stay another day in the City that I might get to see the face of a Believer. I then retired to my house of lodging to spend the Sabbath.

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Monday 16 local & cloudy to day
Jonathan W Swain conducted me
through the City & to the Navy yard
there I saw the largest ship in the
World called the Pennsylvanian. It
is believed that it will require 1200 men
to manage it when at sea from
thence we proceeded to the Marine
Hospital built of marble from
thence to the floating bridge over
the Schuylkill, we then returned
by way of Washington square the
Pennsylvanian Bank Stephen Gerards
Bank Merchants Coffee House &
many other places of note too tedious
to mention, from thence I proceeded
to North 4th street No 22 to get an
opportunity of speaking to Brother
Abel Night of New Lebanon
but did not succeed he being absent
I then retired until 8 O'clock P.M.
I then found him at No 111 Arch

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Street. We embraced each other & conversed freely together we were each overjoyed. I opened my soul freely to him & he comforted me & I have not felt such relief of mind for months. He invited in the most manner to accompany him to New Lebanon & after a short deliberation I made up my mind to do so & there to be subject to the gift. we sat up until near 11 O'clock & then retired to our beds.

Wednesday of clear & warm ^{This} morning I took leave of Sophia Swanwick & family & took up lodging with Abel Wright. I met with Abel & George in Arch street. this was the first time that I met with Brother George. I found him to be quite a steady young man. Abel received a letter this evening from Elder Calvin Green of New Lebanon, which gave great satisfaction.

I wrote a letter home to Elder Benjamin, & one to George de la Rue New-Orleans. George & myself went to the Post Office, & put the letters in the box. I then retired to my house of lodging, & spent the evening.

Wednesday May 18th. Clear & warm. I spent the day pretty much in retirement. Abel & George are making some preparations for their journey.

Thursday. This morning Abel, George, Hettwood Ward, & myself (Mitton) took passage on the Steam Boat Philadelphia bound to New York. we landed at Bordentown between 10 & 11 O'clock A.M. here we took the stage & went to New Brunswick the distance of 28 miles. here we got on Board of the Steam Boat N. York & proceeded up the Raritan river & soon to N. York we landed at N. York about 6 O'clock in the P.M. & put up at the

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Northern Hotel. we had a room to
ourselves

Friday 25th Pleasant weather, this
morning Abel & I it is very busy making
arrangements for 6 Boys & one girl to accom-
pany ^{him} ~~them~~ to New Lebanon with the
view of making Believers of them. the boys
are all between the age of 11 & 15 & the girl
about 14 years old.

As for my part I went to see a
Merchant by the name of David Skinner
& there I heard something so unpleasant
to my feelings that I will not put it
on record. I feel as if I had gotten in
to difficulty that will not be easy surmounted
& my feelings are awfully oppressed.

This evening at 5 O'clock Brother Abel
George the little Boys & the girl & I
embarked on the Steam Boat Ohio for
Hudson here we landed at 3 O'clock
Saturday Morning & proceeded up to

Byrans tavern & waited until after break-
fast. Abel hired a waggon & immediat-
ely after breakfast we put in our baggage
& proceeded on our way to New Lebanon
we had a considerable shower of rain
on us as we were moving along yet not
sufficient to do us any serious injury &
about 10 O'clock A.M. it cleared up & was
beautiful until about 3 O'clock P.M.
it then clouded up & we had a very hard
rain it commenced when we were about
one mile from New Lebanon & poured
down in torrents as we drove through
the streets we proceeded down by the Church
& office & on to the North House this
is what is called the Young Believers order
here we got out was kindly received
by the Brethren & Sisters Elder Calvin
came in & spoke to us & many other
Brethren after we changed our clothes Brother
Abel, George & myself eat supper together
shortly after supper Brother Daniel

invited me to walk with him up to the office he told me I would have to sleep here & probably spend my time here pretty much during my stay, he introduced me to Stephen Munson the principal trustee at this village he has first charge at the office after conversing a short time with Stephen he shewed me my bed room & I retired full of grief & sorrow

Sunday²² clear & pleasant weather
This morning I was visited by several of the Brethren who enquired in to my condition the cause of my journey & the effects produced, I felt very uncomfortable After morning meeting Elder Brother John ^{Farmer} of the Church & Brother ^{David} ~~John~~ Melham visited me I related my voyage & present condition to them, they gave me the best counsel they could & desired that

I should cheer up & what ever was
felt best by the Ministry when they
returned from Wataahet would be
done. I kept myself in the room
pretty much all day, in the ^{evening} Jonathan
accompanied me to the ~~North~~ House I
attended a singing meeting here after
meeting was over Brother Abel took
me through the different rooms &
introduced me to the ~~North~~ & Sister
after we had got through Elder Calvin
invited me in his room & made several
inquiries concerning my absence from
home my present situation &c &c I
opened my mind to him freely from the
beginning of my journey until the present
times &c then gave me some instructions
& told me if I intended to be subject to the
gift I might put away all my uncon-
=factable feelings & labor to gather union
& strength among the Believers here
He gave me leave to visit the North

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family whenever I had a mind to
do so. Israel Knight accompanied me
back to the Office. before I got back Brother
Garrett Lawrence had brought me a bottle
of syrup to take for my cough I took
a glass & retired to my bed

Monday 23 Pleasant weather This
morning Garrett Lawrence visited me &
made some enquiries in to the state of
my health. how long I had been afflic-
-ed with this cough &c Elder Brother
John visited me again & desired that
I would amuse myself by walking in
Garretts garden or to the N House
not to confine myself to close to the room.

After Breakfast I walked down to the
North House, Brother Daniel shewed me
the ^{different} gardens. I came back to the office took
dinner, & then returned to the North House
after staying there a few minutes but
She Knight invited me to go with
him on a visit to canoe this is two

families situated about three miles south
of the Church where young Beluons are
gathered in. We halted a short time at
the larger one. We then proceeded
on to the farthestmost one where
James Harkness stands in charge
here we spent an hour or two very
comfortably smoking our pipes & con-
versing very sociably together. Brother
James made considerable enquiry about
Elder Benjamin's health & also about
the health of Elders Molly & Elders
Mersey. I feel quite comfortable today
for the first time in weeks having
taken the steps requisite to effect it.
We then left Brother James & returned
by way of Warden Cresson's this place
belongs to Abel Kilgus he bought it
about three years ago when he first
believed & moved his family to it. ^{a part of} his
family has since returned to Philadelphia
& he has since moved into what is called

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the earth family where Elder Brown lives this is properly the centre of the young Believers Order. Abel & Mary returned about sun set. I got out at the office and retired to my room.

The New Lebanon Ministry returned home from Waterlot this evening

Sunday 24th Cloudy with misty rain falling the greater part of the day.

About 10 O'clock A.M. John Mehan formerly of Pleasant Hill paid me a visit & conversed old times over.

About 12 O'clock A.M. Elder Ebenezer Bishop ^{brother} & Rufus Bishop visited me & conversed freely with me with respect to my journey from the commencement of it until the present day. they comforted me very much & encouraged me to let the past go and improve the time to come more faithfully

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Wednesday 25 Warm & cloudy the greater part of the day. this morning Seth & Wells visited me & made some enquiries about Elder Benjamin & Molly & Elmer. He also stated that he had received a letter from Elder Eleazar yesterday & that he was expecting one from Elder Benjamin in a few days.

Also Elder Ebenezer & Brother Rafos & Garret R Lawrence visited me and counseled together what course I had better pursue from this home. they finally concluded I had better return by way of New Orleans Garret R Lawrence is to accompany me to New York here I will embark on some vessel for New Orleans. Elder Brother John Farington invited me to go with him a visiting among the Brethren & Sisters where they were employed at their regular occupations in the different shops. Elder Ebenezer went on a visit to Hancock.

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I had an introduction to Brother Isaac Young & many other good Brethren & sisters names not recollcted. I also had a long conversation with Lucy Smith formerly of Pleasant Hill, Ky. at 12 O'clock M. I returned to the office & sat down. After dinner Elder Brother John accompanied me to the School House near the Meeting house here I met & conversed with Prudence Morell who formerly stood first in the Church Order at Union Village. She says that she feels perfectly comfortable where she is & that she does not desire to again return to her native home. Both of the above sisters sent their best love to the Ministry at South Union & also to the Brethren & Sisters in genl. We then went through the meeting house during this time there came in a company of spectators & in this company there was a small woman 32 years of age & measures 3 feet 10 inches in height.

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In the evening I visited the North family alone & returned to the office & eat supper at 5 O'clock P.M. I also had a private of conversing with Elder Ebenezer. After Supper I again visited the North family and attended union meeting. I then returned to the office & retired to my bed.

Thursday 26 Warm & cloudy with a shower of rain in the A.M. this morning I accompanied Nathaniel Williams to see his stock of hogs & about 10 O'clock A.M. Garret K Lawrence took me through a good bathing operation. I remained here until 2 O'clock P.M. & then returned to the office here I met with Comstock Betts formerly an Elder at Pleasant Hill & John Wright brother of Lucy Wright our last mother. We conversed freely & sociably to gether with regard to former times at South Union. Comstock gave me a great deal of good counsel & seemed very desirous that I might

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recovered my health return home & be a good
believer. They both sent their love to the
Elders Brethren & Sisters. The two above men-
tioned Brethren live at Hancock about 3 miles
distant from New Lebanon. About
3 O'clock P.M. Garret & Myself went on a visit
to the Hill family, we had a very comfortable
visit & returned about 5 O'clock. After supper
I went to the Brethrens shop at the church
from thence to Garrets Garden accompanied
by Garret & Isaac Youngs. we conversed
freely & solemnly together I felt as though I
had a great privilege for which I feel very
thankful. by this time it was getting late and
I retired to the office. Deacon Stephen visited
me in my room of retirement & conversed
with me some considerable time with regard
to the opening of the gospel & our first
Mother. Also about local matters,
& at South Union, & Pleasant Hill

New Lebanon, May 27th 1831.

Friday, May 27th The greater part of the day was clear & pleasant. After breakfast I went up to the shop where Isaac N. Young, & Daniel Mosely were at work repairing the tin for roaching the dwelling house. Daniel made a great many inquiries about the old stack at South Windsor. Isaac then conducted me to his tailor shop & many other shops in the same dwelling. He spared no pains to show me every thing that was either curious or amusing. I then returned to the Office.

Also Elder Brother John told me this morning that it was thought ~~that~~ but for me to stay a while at the second family & see how my health was a few weeks to come (some fears are apprehended that I would not be able to stand the journey home) in all probability I will stay here until fall. This evening about 4 o'clock I was invited into a Union meeting in company ^{with} Deacon ~~the~~ Stephen Brother Jonathan Sisters Susannah Ellis & Electa Blanchard. I took considerable comfort in our meeting.

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Saturday 28 Pleasant weather this morning
Athy Wills came to me & asked me my age
in a very particular manner the reason is
unknown to me. After Breakfast
brother David Taylor came from the second
order to accompany me to my new home.
I took leave of the Brethren & Sisters at the
Office & thanked them kindly for their attitude
on while there. we then proceeded up to the
second Order I was introduced to Brother ~~James~~
he then took me in to Elder Sister room
^{her name is} ~~her name is~~ ~~James~~ ~~was acquainted with~~ Lucy
Darrow daughter of David Darrow called
Father David about One O'clock PM I had
some conversation with Elder Brother
Samuel Johnson of this family I was made
heartily welcome by all the family that
I conversed with. I attended meeting this evening

Sunday clear & warm. David Taylor & myself
attended Public Meeting. In the evening Samuel
Bowler paid me a visit we conversed freely together

N. Shannon May 30, 1831

Monday 30. Clear & warm soon after breakfast David Laylor & Myself rode down to the mill in a dearborn & returned about 9 O'clock A.M. I then started with a letter to the North family expecting to get there in time for Hannah Smith to take it to the Post Office in this I was disappointed. I then went on to the Post Office Myself & put in a letter directed to Elder Benjamin I returned home about 12 O'clock in the afternoon. I went through a sweating operation. The Office Sisters united in sending me their kind love for which I felt very thankful.

Tuesday May 31, 1831 Clear & very warm the Mer rose to 90 degrees. I attended to Garretts hus to watch a guemotie when they would swarm Isaac & Youngs measured me for a new pair of trousers.

N. Lebanon June 1. 1831

Wednesday. Clear & very warm the Mercury rose to 90 degrees. This morning I had an introduction to a couple of sisters from Lyringham named Christiana and they returned to Hancock this evening. Also Garrett & Lawrence went to Hancock & returned late in the evening.

The brethren in these two families washed their sheep. Also I done considerable hoeing in Garrett's garden to day.

Thursday 2nd Clear & warm Mer 86 to day. I assisted Eliab Harlow about roping elm bark. This morning Peter Peterson while cutting a pole on the mountain his axe glanced & cut his foot. the wound is a considerable one & in all probability will confine him to the house for several weeks.

Friday 3rd very warm the mer rose to 98 degrees. This day Eliab Harlow Amos Dutt Lith of Wells & myself were employed roping elm bark.

N. Lebanon June 4, 1831.

Saturday 4th Some parts of the day clear & other cloudy & windy. Also something cooler than the ~~past~~ preceding days. Both the first order & this family sheared their sheep to day.

This evening I received by the hand of Sally Smith Deaconess of this family a neat summer Sunday pair of trousers & pocket handkerchief. Also this morning I commenced eating with the family.

We had Francis Backnell in addition to our company of yesterday reaping our bark & made a finish of it about 4 O'clock P.M.

Sunday 5 In the A.M. clear in the P.M. cloudy with a light shower of rain about 4 O'clock P.M.

This morning we had a very lovely & comfortable meeting at the usual time (9 O'clock) Elder Brother & Brother ^{Amos} each spoke & gave all present the same privilege. I had the privilege to again unite myself with a body of good Believers in the solemn worship of God for which I felt very thankful, having been deprived

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of this privilege for several months occasioned
by my long absence from home.

She this departed
this life after a lingering illness of about 15-
years she resided at the Hill family
Sister Smith from the first order visited the
family in the evening

Monday 6 Pleasant weather I worked in the
garden alone. A swarm of bees came out & returned
to their old stand in the space of an hour.

my Sunday 7 Clear & pleasant this morning I read
a letter I had prepared to go to South Union to
Elder Ebenezer E B Saml Johnson & Bro
Amos Stewart. I then took it to the Vath
family & gave it to the care of Hanson Smith.
This afternoon I had a pleasant interview
with Sisters Smith & Olive of the Church the
former is one of the Ministry.
Garret & myself hived two new swarms of bees
to day. In the PM Garret & myself went strawberrying.

New Lebanon June 8th 1831.

Wednesday June 8 Pleasant weather. Early this morning Benjamin Lyons Aaron Bill Philip Cornwall George Lurtist Theodore Long started to Washington (A farm owned by the Believers about 9 miles distant from N. Lebanon) to recover a barn & make some other repairs they are not expected to return home until Saturday next. I spent the day at work in Garrett's garden. I made some acquaintance with the Church Deacons named Hannah Shapley & Molly Smith.

Thursday 9th Moderately warm. Gideon Ribby Isaac Knight & Myself hired a swarm of bees this afternoon. Also Charles Grosman & Myself started at half after 3 O'clock P.M. with the two horse waggons to the Mountain directly west of Brother James Farnum's family for a load of dog wood poles for the purpose of getting the bark as a medicine. Also Garrett started in the A.M. & had the poles cut ready & returned home with us.

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Thursday 9. Also this evening I received from
the sisters by the hands of Sally Smith
(acting Deaconess) a neat & pleasant Summer
hat & also a gentle & handsome frock for
to wear to meetings at home & sabbath evenings.
Also George Hartis returned home from
Washington with a waggon load of timber
for the first families dwelling house.
George went out yesterday to take the
Brethrens tools & bedding.

Friday 10th Clear & warm. Mer rose to 98 degs.
This morning Elder Brother Saml Johnson
Sally Lewis & Sally Thomas took a ride
out in the carriage for recreation & returned
home about 4 o'clock P.M.

Also Benjamin Lyons Aaron Bill Phelps
Carnwall & Theodore Long returned home
from Washington. Also Daniel Bowler
& Barney Hinkley continue to haul timber
for the dwelling house at the first order.
Also Isaac Knight & myself went a

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strawberries in the PM. on the mountain East of the Church. We had a swarm of bees in the AM. After evening meeting Garrett R Lawrence paid me a visit in my bedroom we conversed sociably together for some considerable time he then withdrew & I retired to bed.

Saturday 11. Very warm Mer rose to 92 degs.

This morning Garrett R. Lawrence accompanied the Brethren that are hauling timber from Washington (viz Daniel Bowler & Barney Henckley) as far as Hancock & returned home in the AM. I (Milton) had a short & pleasant interview with Elder Ebenezer. In the PM I went a strawberrying west of the medical garden.

This evening we attended to the gift of washing one anothers feet & as is usual here we all knelt down (it being Saturday evening) to humble ourselves & offer up prayer for the blessings we have received & for our thankfulness to God for his mercy & goodness to us

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At half a past one o'clock P.M. the first Church
& this family assembled at the Meeting house
(The Ministry attended) for the usual purpose
of worshipping God to his acceptance & to labor
to keep down an evil nature to learn to love
& bless one another. The meeting was attended
with the power & spirit of God. the zeal
was uncommon & the countenances were
lovely. they looked more like angels than
human ^{beings} creatures. And I can verily say
it was the most lovely sight I ever beheld.
And I do feel truly thankful for the great
privilege I have had of uniting with the
first Church among Believers (The Mother church)
in the worship of God. notwithstanding I
felt my inferiority with respect to my travels
in the gospel while in this united body of
Believers. Yet it is my determination to
persevere in the work of God & gain the
victory over an evil nature as fast as possible.
During the meeting Elder Brother Gann
frequently ~~was~~ exhorted the Brethren & Sisters

to press forward in the work of God. Elder
Ebenezer & Brother Rufus made frequent ex-
hortations during the meeting. Elder Brother
David Miller & Brother Freight Wells Elders
of the Church at Waterbury attended meeting
& delivered the love from the Brethren & Sisters
at ~~Waterbury~~ there to the Ministry. Elders Brethren
& Sisters here at New Lebanon. The
Brethren & Sisters here sent their love ~~for~~
return to the good people at Waterbury.
While we were in the meeting house
Elder Ebenezer introduced me (Milton)
to the two above mentioned Brethren
from Waterbury. This I consider a very
great privilege to be noticed by Elder
Ebenezer & to have the satisfaction of
speaking to two such worthy Believers.

In the evening we had singing meeting at home.
Our Elders & the Elders Daniel Hawkins
from the second family (Male part) visited
the Church in the evening.

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Monday 13th Cloudy with a light shower of rain in the A.M. It continued to sprinkle some rain in the P.M. I had a pleasant & sociable conversation with E. B. David Miller & Freight Wells from Waterlet. Previous to this rain we had suffered much with the drought.

Tuesday 14 It rained slowly pretty much the day through. The two above mentioned Brethren returned home to Waterlet.

John Dean & Isaac Knight went about 25 miles distant with a two horse waggon for a load of horse hounds. Aaron Bill went with a two horse waggon to a place called Union Village about 12 miles from here on the Albany road for fire proof rock to go in the bottom of an oven at the first Char.

Wednesday 15 Cloudy with drizzling rain falling pretty much all day.

This morning Garret R. Lawrence, Sideon Kibby & Charles Cressman started with a two horse waggon for a load of Elm bark & returned

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Thursday 16. Cloudy with frequent showers through the day.

This morning the Brethren assembled from the different families to the number of one hundred to the church for the purpose of raising the third story on the house occupied by the first Order as a dwelling house (they finding it to be too small added one story & twenty feet to its usual width) They went on with the raising all day without being materially hindered with the showers of rain but did not make a finish of it I am happy to say they spent the day in a very peaceable and quiet manner & without any serious accident befalling any individual.

Friday 17. Generally speaking the day was uncommon pleasant.

Early this morning a portion of the Brethren from the different families attended to finish raising the building they were

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employed at yesterday they accordingly made
a finish of it in the P.M.

The Brethren here in the church have been
very busily engaged about this house for
several weeks past. they will go to putting
on the tin roof as soon as possible.

At this morning after a good breakfast
time Philip Cornwall, Pamilia Dickerson
Sally Smith & myself (M. Robinson) started
with a carriage to take a ride for
recreation & health we first proceeded down
by the Believers mill from thence to
Lebanon Post Office from thence to
the town of Hancock a distance of 5 or 6
miles & on through Lonsborough a distance
of 5 miles from thence to the town
of Pittsfield a distance of 6 miles here
we put up at Russells Tavern & had supper
about 3 O'clock P.M. we started & returned
to New Lebanon by way of Hancock
(Shaker village) we did not stop here we
arrived at home about 6 O'clock P.M. and I can

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say that there are few days of my life that I took so much real comfort & satisfaction as I have taken to day. the day was uncommon pleasant the roads good & the company agreeable & interesting.

Saturday 18 Clear & pleasant until about 3 O'clock P.M. It commenced lightening & thundering & in the course of one hour a good shower of rain ensued.

Also about 5 O'clock A.M. the Ministry started to Water Bluet on a visit & in all probability will continue there for several weeks. Elcreff Ruth is at Water Bluet at this time & is improving some in her health.

Sunday 19 Clear until about 5 O'clock in the P.M. it then commenced lightening & thundering & in a short time we had a good shower of rain.

This morning we had a very pretty meeting many of the Brethren & Sisters expressed their

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thankfulness for the privilege they have
in the Gospel Elder Brother, exhorted us
to keep the way of God, to labor to keep
down a proud & haughty sense to be meek
& humble & we would gain a blessing.

Between one & two O'clock this family
& the first Order assembled at the Meeting
house for the purpose of worshipping God
to his acceptance. the meeting was beautiful
& lively & I have no doubt acceptable to the
giver of all good. I united & marched several
songs & took great deal of comfort in the
meeting, we marched two songs in the order called
bowing to the Lord these were beautiful.

Monday 20. Clear & warm. In the P.M. I went
a strauburging with a couple of Sisters Pamilia
Dickerson & Hannah Blake. I had a pleasant
& familiar conversation with regard to my present
situation with Elder Sister Lucy Darrow
which proved comforting to me.

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Tuesday 21 Generally clear with a considerable shower of rain about 2 o'clock P.M.

This morning I had a free open & agreeable conversation with Isaac Young, Betsey Baits & Prudence Morrell: on the subject of my returning to Lo Union if felt best & if not on my making New Lebanon my home. I said to Prudence that it surprised me some to hear of her making choice of Lebanon to Union Village her native home when there was full Union for ^{her} to return with Elders Rachael. She then asked me if I would be as much surprised if I was yet to stay. I answered her I would. She then said she would be some surprised if I stayed here but would be more ~~so~~ surprised if I returned home if there was union in my staying. She then spoke as viz. Milton I do not wish to influence you one bit, but remember what I now say. If you do return home you will repent of it for this reason you will be ever anxious to see the good people at New Lebanon.

Wed, Lebanon June 22, 1834

Clear with pleasant breeze of wind in circulation
This morning G. R. Lawrence & Myself visited the
female school kept by Sarah Baits. And it is but
due me to say that it is much the best organized
School I ever saw. I was much pleased with my
visit here.

The Brethren from these two families commenced
= working on the road between the plantation
& the Grist mill. I had a short but interesting
conversation with Seth Y Wells with regard to
the school.

Thursday Cloudy with drizzling rain falling
pretty much all day. I had a tedious day cough-
=ing. G. R. Lawrence visited me in the A.M.
took a sweat in the P.M. accompanied with blood red

Friday Pleasant weather. In day at 11 O'Clock
8 or 10 of the Sisters accompanied by J. Taylor
& Myself went over to the second family to
see them casting stone plates.
Here I made my first acquaintance with
Elder Brother Amos - & Joseph

Smith & David Jennings. — G. R. Lawrence
& John Dean went to Albany in a two
horse waggon. (Not quite as well as common talk)

Saturday²⁵ Agreeable weather. The Brethren
from the two families worked in the road.
Benjamin Lyons Betsey Copley Rachael
& three small girls went on a visit to
Canaan the principal cause of the visit was
to let the children ^{see} their Parents returned
home between 6 & 8 o'clock A.M.

G. R. Lawrence & John Dean returned home
from Albany

This evening when we went into meeting Eld
er Brother desired that we would labor for the
gifts of God ~~they~~ ^{we} accordingly did so & many
precious gifts were exhibited during the meeting
such as kneeling to God. Bowing. Shaking
hands one with another expressing their
thankfulness one to another for the priv
ilege they have in the Gospel. Speaking

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in unknown tongues. Clapping hands & giving
glory to God. Numbers both Brethren & Sisters
spoke frequently during the meeting. O that I
could give the reader some Idea of the beauty
& simplicity the life & the zeal manifested in the
meeting. Say nothing but an inspired pen could
do justice to this meeting. Suffice me to say
it was every thing that is pretty & good

Sunday 26th, clear cool & pleasant. We had
meeting as usual at 9 O'clock A.M. Elder Bro
spoke considerable to the Brethren & Sisters
Amos also ~~addressed~~ ^{addressed} the family in a very
feeling & friendly manner. Some others
gave their approbation to what had been said
We had meeting again in the P.M. it commenced
about 2 O'clock & lasted about one hour, we labored
two songs in the square order, marched 4. Shuffled
3. & sang several hymns. Amos then gave out the
songs that are to be sang this week & dismissed
meeting. After meeting Elder Brother
Invited me up into his room from thence

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to Elder Sister's room (Lucy Barrow) I had quite
a comfortable visit the conversation while there
was sociable & interesting. Our harmony was interrup^{ted}
by the ringing of the bell for dinner.
After dinner we had singing meeting, then
Union meeting the latter occupied one hour
and a half — thus we spent the day.

Monday Cloudy & Showery.

~~Monday~~ Tuesday 28th Showery all day

I attended to keeping the fire records
under Garrett's kettle of liver with sugar
for the purpose of inhaling the
steam arising there from for the
benefit of my lungs.

Also this evening while Garrett was showing
me the vast alterations made in the road
& the digging down the foot of the East
Mountain since his recollection. He
discovered a carriage ascending the hill at the
North family coming to the office. He
said there Milton comes a Brother in
that carriage that lived in the Minister

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with Mother Lacy & when she died at Wata-
=bliet he chose rather to stay there than
to return to Lebanon & this is his first visit
here since Mother's decease. His name
is Abiather Babbitt aged about 42 there
was ~~a brother~~ & three sisters in company
with him

Wednesday 29 Cloudy & Showery. This morning
Elder Brother, Samuel Johnson & myself
went on a visit to Hancock ^{sometime} after we arrived
there we obtained leave to visit their new brick
building accompanied by Elder Bro. William
Demming. from there we went to where
Constatk Betts was engaged making the
doors for the above mentioned building
while here Elder Nathaniel came to the
door & beckoned to S. Johnson to accompany
him to the Ministry shop. Constatk then
accompanied me to a shop where Deacon
Daniel Goodrich was employed in putting
paper bags to hard garden seed. I took great
comfort with Daniel he was familiar &

pleasant & manifest a great desire for my future
happiness & safe return to South Union. And
says that when I return I must remember him
to the Ministry Elders Brethren & Sisters &
inform the company that were here on a visit
a few years ago that his health had much
improved since that time.

I am^t to say while here my^s were con-
siderably ~~x~~ not that I thought I mer-
ited the^B I expected. but being in company with
~~t R~~ & ~~i~~ having ~~i~~ in my behalf & their
refusal gave me many ~~v~~ feelings. When I
first ~~B~~ at ~~m~~ I was received & ~~u~~ in the most
feeling and hospitable manner^t for this
cause ~~i~~ had reason to ~~t~~ the same at ~~i~~
But ~~i~~ I was ~~hve~~ I have no doubt but it was
~~ed~~ for the best — 5 O'clock P.M. S.S.

Thursday 30th Changeable weather, some
showers. This morning Elder Brother gave
notice that there would be some visitors here
from the Society. They are to visit the Sisters

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in the forenoon & a short time after dinner
they are to visit the Brethren.

According to appointment the Visitors came
& had a comfortable time with the ladies in
the A.M. going from room to room & shop to shop
they also visited me in my room they all seemed
glad to see me & I was truly glad to see them.
Shortly after dinner they visited the Brethren
we were collected in the meeting room the
visit was very agreeable to both parties this
was plainly to be seen by the freedom that
was used which is so common among good
Believers. Their names are as viz. Abiathor
Babbett Sarah Bennett Azuba Thair & Angelina
Annis. About 3 o'clock P.M. they went on a visit
to the second family. E. J. R.
I was well as usual for going to my last night's dinner
I had a full & pleasant conversation with Amos they
saw in the subject of young people among Believers
setting it once for all to obey the precepts of
the gospel & their standing permanently established
each one for themselves.

William

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Friday 1. frequent showers of rain through the day.
The visitors from Water-Vliet sat supper in this
family then returned to the office.

Mrs Bishop Permilla Dickerson Sally Thomas
Mariah ~~DeBolt~~ & Myself were engaged picking
over medical herbs. I enjoyed a great deal of comfort
in my feelings. My health is also improving.

Benjamin Lyons ^{family deacon} started to Albany with a Dear
barn load of Garrett's medical herbs. The Bre-
thren in the first order have got their
shutting pretty much on their great house
& will soon begin to put the tin on.

I feel more & more thankful every day that
I have the privilege of being among Believers
here at Lebanon instead of the world which
was my fate for 6 months previous to my
arrival here and notwithstanding I obeyed my
faith & labored to do all the good I could yet
there was a gloom hung over me at times that
was awful. I became in a manner dead to
the precious gifts of the gospel which now
appear so bright & precious to my soul. Mitten

New Lebanon July 2nd 1831
Saturday 2nd Clear except a while the P.M. Had
a light shower of rain about 6 O'clock P.M.
This morning Elder Caloin came & requested
that 5 or 6 of the Brethren would go down
in the P.M. & assist the Brethren at James
Farmus about raising an addition to their
old building. Accordingly three or 4 Men from
the first order & the same number from
this family attended & finished raising & returned
home about 10 O'clock at night.

This morning the company from Water Bluff
went on a visit to Hancock & returned home
about 6 O'clock P.M.

This evening about 7 O'clock Deacon Stephen
brought up a letter written by Elder Benjamin
& directed to me. (Milton H. Robinson) Care
of Stephen Munson. I broke the seal & read
it in Elder Sister's room in the presence
of the Elders & Deacon Stephen. This letter
is calculated to give me great releasement in
mind I do feel thankful to Elder Benjamin
for the kind feelings manifested to me in this

letter Yea it is calculated to give me peace of mind
on a dying bed. And I will treasure up the good
counsel he has given me in this letter as this is the
only way I can give him any recompense for his
innumerable kindnesses to me while at South
Union. I also feel thankful to Elders Molly for
her kindness & respect manifested to me in this letter
& also for the many very many kindnesses I received
from her while at South Union. May the
blessings of heaven rest upon the Elders Brethren
& sisters at South Union may they ever be progre-
ssing in the way of God is the fervent wish &
prayer of — — — Milton —

We had a very beautiful & interesting meeting
this evening after we had knelt & offered up
prayers & supplications to the giver of all good
for the many blessings we enjoy in his
gospel. A considerable number both Brethren
& sisters expressed their determination to be faithful
believers throughout time.

New Lebanon July 3rd 1831 —

Sunday 3rd Clear & warm. had meeting as usual at 9 o'clock A.M. Phillimon Stewart read the letter sent from Elder Benjamin to me in the family meeting.

The first order & this family assembled together at the Meeting house & had quite a lively & beautiful meeting. I for one was thankful for the privilege of assembling together with the first order for the purpose of worshipping God to his acceptance.

Monday 4th Clear & warm. The Brethren commenced putting ^{the} tin on the great house.

This day I had a conversation with the three following Brethren on the subject of my letter from Elder Benjamin E. B. John Farrington Richard Treat & Joel Turned. They each expressed their joy & satisfaction that I had received so honorable a letter & one calculated to give me so much true peace of mind. They said it was a true & gospel letter & that I must obey the good council prescribed therein — with these feelings I heartily concur.

Milton

New Lebanon July 5th 1831

Monday 5 Warm with considerable appearance of rain in the P.M.

Early this morning Garret K Lawrence started to Hudson with a dearborn's horse from there he will proceed to New-York.

The Brethren mowed the doer yards in the P.M. J. (Hilton) assisted them about taking care of the hay.

The Brethren at the first order are coming on rapidly with the great house they have a considerable part of the tin roof put on also they have commenced weather boarding.

I visited the Office this P.M. & had a pleasant interview with Deacon Stephen Suters Susannah Ellis & Electa Blanchard. They each expressed their satisfaction that I had received so honorable a letter & one that is calculated to be of infinite value to me from my good friend Elder Benjamin they also counsel me to pay strict attention to the good advice given me in this letter & in so doing I would be a comfort to myself & to the Brethren & Sisters here & also at South Union.

New Lebanon July 6 1831
Wednesday 6. Warm with some sprinkles
of rain through the day.

Elder Abiather Kobbett Sarah Bennett Azaba
Train & Angeline Ennis started on their return
home to Water-blot with the Ministries horse
& carriage.

Thursday 7th Clear & warm with the exception
of a few showers in the P.M. We were attended
with with a considerable shower of rain.
A few of the dieters from this family
went up on the mountain & gathered a nice
parcel of ripe (Red) Raspberries from which
we decorated our supper table to the satisfac-
-tion of all present.

This morning I went up on the great house
to see the brethren potting on the tin ruff
while here I shewed Isaac N. Youngs Henry
Youngs & Rufus Hinckley the letter I recieved
from Elder Benjamin it was read by Isaac
when done they all expressed themselves that
it was a satisfaction to them that I had recieved
so comforting a letter.

New Lebanon July 7, 1831. J.W.

Between the hours of 4 & 5 this morning John Dean Celia Draper Adeline Potter & Electa Blanchard started to Providence Rhode Island they will make a halt at Old Enfield it depends on circumstances whether the sisters will go all the way or stay at Enfield until John returns.

Friday 8th This day is remarkable for the number of showers of rain that have fallen

To day at 11 o'clock L. M. G. R. Lawrence returned home from N. York.

Saturday 9th Very unsettled weather with a heavy shower of rain about 4 o'clock P.M.

This day I have had many solemn sensations with regard to the great privilege I have as one of ^{the} believers here at New Lebanon & it is my earnest prayer that I may never become insensible of the kind & tender feelings manifested to me by the Ministry Elders Brethren & sisters here at N. Lebanon Rather let the breath depart hence from my body than I should ever become unthankful for the precious gift of the gospel

New Lebanon July 10th 1831 —
Sunday, clear & rather cool. (the Mer as low as 49 deg.)
We now have prospects of settled weather.

There has been a great deal of the spirit of obedience
simplicity & love manifested in our last meetings & to
days meetings almost all the young Brethren who
expressed their thankfulness for the privilege they
have in mothers gospel & their determination to
persevere in this selfdenying work until they gained
the dominion over a fallen & corrupt nature.
It that I could but describe the angelic appearance
of this little handful of Shakers while engaged in
the worship of God. — every thing appeared celestial.
I sometimes imagined myself among a parcel of angels
never did the Gospel appear so beautiful & precious
to my soul as now. Therefore I have resolved to
set out anew with a double resolution to be
more & more upon my watch against every thing
that pertains to evil & to treasure up the teaching
of my good Elders Brethren & Sisters that I may be
worthy of a place among them in the mansions of
heaven. — — — — — Nitton —

New Lebanon July 11th 1831

Monday 11. Clear & cool. The Brethren in this family commenced cutting their grass. Isaac R. Youngs & Co finished putting the tin covering on the great house except where the chimneys are to come out.

I received a certificate from David Skin of N. York certifying that he did not pay the draft of \$100 in my favor on him from Oliver Skin of New Orleans.

Tuesday 12th Clear & moderate. G. K. Lawrence went to Washington for a load of timber & also for the purpose of engaging the digging 30 or 40 pounds of spekenard roots to get some herbs. He returned home about half after 5 o'clock P.M.

Wednesday 13th Clear & pleasant. fine weather for mowing hay.

The Ministry returned home from Waterlot about 6 o'clock this P.M.

Thursday 14th Clear in the A.M. Cloudy in the P.M. with a considerable shower of rain. The Ministry from Hancock visited the Ministry here.

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& returned home this evening.

Also this evening while Israel Hammond was springing on a load of hay & the spring pole gave way & struck him on the back of the neck & threw him off of the load of hay & wounded him (I fear) mortally.

This afternoon Isaac Knight & myself went up on the mountain & gathered a Dear worm called Yarrow. (Something diverting) —

Friday 15th The loads were high & shifting, Garret & company have been cutting & hauling Cat mint all day. & the Sisters with my assistance have picked it all over ready for cutting fine. We had the assistance of three or four of the children from this family about one hour in the P.M. Brother Rufus came on a visit this morning his stay was short.

Saturday 16th Cloudy & showery in the A.M. In the P.M. fair weather.

We had a lovely & interesting meeting this evening & as is usual we knelt down in thankfulness for our privilege in the Gospel.

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Sunday 17. Unpleasant weather.

Brother Rufus attended our morning meeting & delivered the love of Elder Ebenezer Elders Ruth & Sister Smith to the family here. Also the love of Father Job & those who stand in the Ministry with him & lastly the love of the Elders Deacons Brethren & Sisters at Waterblit.

Father Job is in a feeble state of health otherwise he would in all probability have visited Lebanon before his return from Waterblit home.

We had the privilege of assembling with the first order at the meeting house this P.M.

The Ministry attended & we had quite a clever & interesting meeting.

Also this evening Elders Ruth & Sister Smith came on a visit to this family. Now for the first time I had the satisfaction of seeing & conversing with Elders Ruth. she asked me several questions about my infirmities, also about the Believers at South Union & how I felt about making New Lebanon my home to the latter question I replied that I would feel perfectly

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reconciled to the gift of the Ministry whether it is to return home (to South Union) or make New Lebanon my home in future. She then said that it was hardly possible that I would return home but make my home here at Lebanon. She then gave me to understand that I had a great work to do to prepare myself for the world of spirits, that I would have to go through a great deal of tribulation. Yea says she you will have to go through many a milling if you stay here. Sister Smith replied that it was a progressive work all the time up hill - from the above the reader may readily conclude there was but little flattery ~~given~~

Monday 18th Cloudy & warm. —

This morning Elder Ebenezer informed me that it was the gift for me to make New Lebanon my home in future. He said considering my feeble state of health it would be too great an undertaking for me to go through with to return to South Union. He then gave me such necessary council as he deemed

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most suitable to me in my present situation. I promised to render obedience to his council & thanked ^{him} for the great privilege ^{I have} among the Believers here at New Lebanon & that too in the church - one that I did not expect neither did I consider myself worthy of. but now since it is the gift I shall endeavor to make myself worthy of a place among the good Brethren & Sisters here in this order.

Also Elder Brother Samuel conversed with me in relation to my new home & made me heartily welcome as did Amos & many others both Brethren & Sisters. E. B. Samuel gave me to understand that it was felt best for me to retire in future in the South room up stairs instead of the North room below as heretofore.

G. R. Lawrence went to Hancock on his professional business.

Wednesday 19th Clear & warm. This morning Sarah R. L. - Lucy C. Sarah R. & Hannah Ann went in a two horse wagon to Whetings pond for the purpose of gathering medicinal herbs.

New Lebanon July 20th 1831 —
Isaac Knight & Myself gathered medicinal
herbs in the bts about home such as y^e
= row & cat mint.

Wednesday 21st. Clear until about 3 O'clock
P.M. Cloudy with a considerable shower
of rain with wind.

Sarah Ann Lewis is some unwell & occupies
the north room up stairs in the second house.
Gideon Kermilla S. Sally S. & Sally T. & Myself
have been engaged this P.M. picking over worm
wood — this weather is a great hindrance
to the Brethren about getting in the hay.

Thursday 22nd
~~Wednesday 21st~~ 1831 Clear in the A.M. Cloudy
with a heavy shower of rain about 6 O'clock
P.M. — This morning Gideon Koby,
Charles Crasman William Allen &
Myself started with a two horse wagon
to Knusborough for a load of worm
wood & returned about 8 O'clock P.M. —

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Thursday 23

Clear weather. The Brethren are doing very well with the hay at present yet the prospects for good weather are bad.

This morning about 4 o'clock Amos Stewart Phellimon Stewart Mary Stewart the male train Sally Lewis & Phibe Smith started in with a two horse wagon for the purpose of gathering whortlesberries ^{they went} a distance of 14 miles a north westerly direction. they returned home about 6 o'clock P.M. having had bad luck as to the amount of berries it being too soon in the season.

Philip Cornwall is taken sick & takes lodging in the second house & faints away twice this evening. Phellimon sits up with him the greater part of the night.

This morning a number of the Brethren & sisters from the two families met at the Office barn & picked over a load of wormy crops.

Friday 23 Unsettled weather. Gideon & Myself gather Colts foot. The Brethren get in considerable hay.

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Saturday 23 Cloudy with a damp heavy air
in the evening heavy rains attended with
severe gales of wind all of which has caused
my sensations to be of the dreary kind.

By K Lawrence is quite unwell to day.

Elder Ebenezer visits this family this PM.

Also John Dean Julia Draper Electa Blanchard
& Adalgia Potter returned home from Providence
Rhode Island by way of Enfield Connecticut
all in usual health having had a prosperous
journey.

Sunday 24 Pleasant weather - We spent
the day as usual Morning meeting at home
in the PM we had meeting with the first order
at the meeting House. While there John
Dean & company delivered the book from
the Brethren & Sisters at Enfield Conn.
Sarah Ann Lewis is dangerously ill at
this time. Philip Cornell is much better
in health than a few days ago. Sally
Thomas is quite feeble.

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Monday 26 Generally clear also one or two
showers of rain in the P.M. Garet & myself
rode down to the Post Office in a stage coach
& returned about 5 o'clock P.M.

Tuesday 27 Considerable rain in the A.M.
in the P.M. clear & warm.

David Meehan & Isaac Knight started with
the two horse waggon to Troy for a load
of medical herbs.

I had a pleasant interview with Deacon Stephen
Susannah Ellis Electa Blanchard Angel's
Bedder & Joanna Kitchell the latter formerly
lived at Union Village their conversation
was comforting & interesting & truly encouraging.
Yesterday evening while at the medical garden
Elder Ebenezer came along & conversed with
me freely with respect to my new home &
exhorted me to be faithful & labor to gain
my union with the brethren & sisters here
& to be free with my Elders. Also the impropriety
of my going home under present circumstances &c &c

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Wednesday 24 Clear & warm the Brethren got in considerable hay today. In the A.M. G. L. & Hibbs & myself worked in the medical garden in the P.M. scattering. William Wheaton & son visits Noah Wheaton.

After supper 14 or 15 of the Brethren went down in the swamp to cock up hags.

Joanna Vinz is very unwell at the time

Thursday 28 Cloudy & showers. In the P.M.
Benjamin Lyon & myself rode up to the tree
family & returned.

After dinner Charles Stewart & David Taylor went out in the country for a load of sand. Sarah Ann Lewis is some on the mend. She Giles Avery is quite unwell & has taken some phisic to day. She B Lyons & A Bill are some unwell the general complaint is in the stomache.

Friday Clear & warm (good hay weather)
I am troubled with a foul Stomach at this time
~~There~~ that are mentioned above as being ^{disturbing} unwell
are some on the mend.

New Lebanon July 30th 1834 —

Saturday 30th Fair with strong south wind in the P.M. — E B John Farrington Gideon Kibby & three Sisters from the first order went 12 miles South of this for a load of ^{hay} & returned between 6 & 7 o'clock P.M. — I (Norton) assisted a company of Sisters from the first order about picking over Catnip in the old granary.

Notwithstanding the general weakness in the family the Brethren are getting in a nice parcel of hay. We had a very solemn meeting this evening I for one felt exceedingly thankful for my privilege in the gospel. Elder Brother kindly exhorted us to treasure up the blessings of the gospel & labor through the week so that when we come together on Saturday evenings that we might come with pure hearts & cleansed ^{hands} & return thanks to our God for past blessings. Norton —

Sunday 31. The sun shone the greater part of the day. Between one & two o'clock ^{P.M.} there fell two or three considerable showers of rain. The second family Brethren & Sisters got caught in the shower while returning home from meeting.

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Sunday. Each of our meetings to day were very beautiful. the countenances of the Brethren & Sisters were a heavenly aspect. In addition to the Elders speaking Brother Phemon spoke his faith in full & his determination to render obedience to the precepts of the gospel in spite of every evil propensity ^{addicted} to the fallen nature of man of which he did not ^{met} intend to pretend to be wholly divested of.

While engaged in our morning meeting I was visited with very solemn feelings which called me to take a retrospective view of my past life. in this I had many comfortable feelings when I would look back & see the confidence my Elders had in me & the trust confided to my care at different times & I wish to know that ever since I came to the years of understanding that I have felt myself permanently established in the gospel. Thus far gave me cause of much thankfulness. But alas when I took a view of the degree of union in which I visited this Holy City the New Jerusalem the fountain head for Believers the source from whence all the blessings Believers are in possession

of originated so yet the Mother Church to give coun-
cil to all Believers. and now to think that I am blessed
with a privilege in this pure church meets my
very soul away I could no longer prevent the tears
from rolling down my cheeks for I verily felt
myself unworthy of this privilege & what makes
the matter still worse is my feeble state of
health which retards my progress both spiritually
& temperally. yet I have by no means despaired
of doing all the good I can. — — — Wittom

Monday August 1st 1834. Generally clear, we
were visited with a heavy shower of rain in the
P.M. Gideon H Isaac Knight & Myself went with
a horse & cart to Whitings pond for a load of
tobacco (or Indian Tobacco) & returned 8 o'clock
P.M. There is quite a company of Brethren
mowing & making hay in the gay meadow
they return home early in consequence of the shower
I had a pleasant interview with E B Samuel
this morning. the deacons pick over ^{the} semina that
was gathered on Saturday

New Lebanon August 1st 1831 —

Monday 1. Lamentable William Fitch has this day chose the broad road to destruction in preference to the gospel of salvation. He has for many years had a privilege in the first order and now he has sold his birth right (as did Esau) for a mess of pottage. Also Garret R. Lawrence Jonathan Wood & Charles Crossman went down to Lebanon Village & settled with William Fitch.

Tuesday 2nd showery thro the day with excepsive hard rain after night.

Wednesday 3rd Cloudy & something cooler. Jonathan Wood starts to Albany with the two horse waggon —

In the PM Garret & John Dean gathers a load of Catnip.

Gideon & Isaac Knight went to the mill to regulate some herbs that were left there a few days ago — (Milton) attended to drying some bark at the machine shop —

New Lebanon August 4th 1831

Thursday 4th Fair. A number of sisters from the first order joined with about half the number of this family & picked over a quantity of Catnip here at the old spot.

The Brethren goes to the swamps to make hay & does not return until late in the evening.

In the A.M. I (Milton) had quite a privilege with Brother Rufus & E. B. Samuel we conversed freely together on several subjects such as they in their wisdom thought best for my future prosperity in the gospel. And to this council I will strictly adhere.

Friday 5th Clear & pleasant. Isaac Knight & myself have been engaged cutting off elm bark at the machine shop.

I (Milton) am somewhat unwell & takes a sheet in the P.M.

Saturday 6th Fair weather - the Brethren get in a considerable portion of hay. I went to the Ministry shop with a letter I had prepared to send to Elder Benjamin. Brother Rufus spared no pains to comfort me & make my way as easy as possible.

Dates of letters written home (South Union)
by M Robinson & whom to. & from N, Orleans.
Sunday Feb 13th by Jefferson Shannon
4 letters viz Elders Benjamin Nat, Rankin
Eli McLean & Sarah Robinson
Feb 28th one do to David Smith by S. B. ^{ian} ~~Rankin~~
March 5th one do.. David Barnett by, S. B. ~~Rankin~~
March 28 one do David Smith, by S. B. ~~Rankin~~
April 6th one do David Smith by ~~Shannon~~ Post Belfast,
April 14th do Elder Benjamin S. B. Atlantic
May 1st ^{May 1st to S. B. ~~Rankin~~} from Philadelphia to Elder Benjamin
May 14th to Geo de Kasper New Orleans
May 20th ^{to from S. B. ~~Rankin~~} Geo de Kasper New Orleans
May 30 from New Lebanon to Elder Benjamin
June 7 Do Do to David Smith So Union
Do Do to Jonathan ~~W~~ Shuair Philadelphia
June 31st to David Smith South Union
July 1 from N Lebanon to Geo de Kasper New Orleans
July 15th sent a double letter to D Smith So Union
August 11 a letter with a receipt enclosed in it to D Smith, So Union

Dates of letters written from South Union
to Mr Robinson at New Orleans, & whom by,
One from David Smith dated March 10,

One do from Hervez, L, Esq dated March 23rd

Received a letter from Elder Benjamin dated June 14th - July 2nd, 1831

Read a letter from Geo de Pappau N Orleans dated June 14th, July 2nd

Reced a letter from David Smith of South Union dated July 2nd August 8, 1831

The End

1 teaskoonfull Salts Tartar 1 pint water
warm or boiling vinegar sufficient to make
it ferment give it at 3 or 4 times.

Pearl or Salts of tartar or Soda all in case
of sourness

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